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Consumer Price Index ◆ January 2006

Highlights

- BC's Consumer Price Index rose 1.6% from January 2005, the lowest year-over-year increase in the CPI among the provinces. Alberta posted the highest increase at 4.1%. Nationally, prices rose 2.8% during the same period.

- On a month-to-month basis, BC's CPI dropped 0.1% from December 2005, the fourth consecutive month of decreases.

- Among the metropolitan areas, Calgary posted the highest increase in the CPI from last January at 4.4%, followed by Edmonton with a 3.6% increase. Residents of Vancouver enjoyed the lowest increase in prices at 1.4%, followed by Victoria with a 1.9% increase.

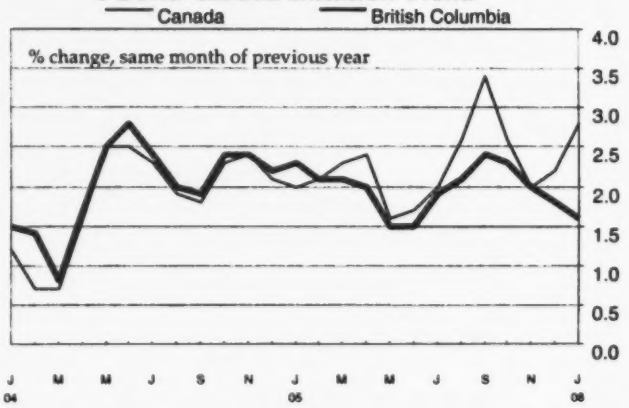
- Energy prices continue to contribute to rising inflation as BC residents paid more for fuel oil (+21.4%), piped gas (+15.0%), and gasoline (+13.7%) compared to a year ago. Significant price increases were also recorded for fresh vegetables (+13.8%), local & commuter public transportation (+6.9%), fresh fruit (+4.5%), and coffee & tea (+4.4%). Offsetting these increases were lower costs for women's clothing (-7.9%), non-alcoholic beverages (-3.2%), and children's clothing (-2.9%).

- BC's CPI, excluding food and energy, was 0.8% higher than in January 2005. The comparable figure for Canada was 1.4%.

Note: Statistics Canada will release the February Consumer Price Index on March 16, 2006.

1992=100	Index	% Change from	
	January 2006	December 2005	January 2005
Canada	128.8	0.5	2.8
BC	125.6	-0.1	1.6
Vancouver	126.0	-0.1	1.4
Victoria	125.9	-0.2	1.9
Core Canada[1]	127.2	0.0	1.7

BC and Canada Inflation Trend



1992=100	Latest 12-Month Average Index (ending in Jan. 2006	Latest 12-Month Average % Change	2005 Annual Average % Change
Canada	127.6	2.3	2.2
BC	125.4	1.9	2.0
Vancouver	125.9	1.8	1.9
Victoria	125.7	2.2	2.2

[1]**The Core CPI for Canada:** Defined by the Bank of Canada as the All-items index excluding the eight most volatile components (fruit, vegetables, gasoline, fuel oil, natural gas, mortgage interest, inter-city transportation and tobacco products). Also excluded is the effect of changes in indirect taxes on the remaining components.

Consumer Price Index—Terms and Definitions

Base Effect

The 12-month variation in the CPI is calculated by comparing the current month's index with the index for the same month of the previous year. The 12-month change is represented by the difference in the indexes of the reference months. Thus, the 12-month variation can decrease from one month to the next merely because the base serving as the point of comparison increased.

Source: Statistics Canada

Twelve-Month Percent Changes

Also referred to as "year-over-year", twelve-month percent changes compare indexes for a given month to indexes for the same month of the previous year. As they compare two points in time, they are influenced by unusual or temporary events that can affect either of the two months. Their calculation does not include any of the intervening monthly indexes.

Source: Statistics Canada

Annual Average Index

Annual average indexes are calculated by averaging index levels over the 12 months of the calendar year. These data should not be confused with the 12-month change in the CPI. By the nature of the calculation, averaging indexes over the calendar year gives a better representation of price behaviour over the whole year and is closer to the concept of an average price. The use of annual averages is considered the preferred option for indexation purposes.

Source: Statistics Canada

Latest Twelve-Month Average Index

The latest twelve-month average index (ending in the current month) is a 12-month moving average of the indexes of the most recent 12 months. It is calculated like the annual average index. Hence, in theory, the December twelve-month average index would be equal to the annual average index for the calendar year. However, in practice, when BC STATS makes these calculations from published data, the December 12-month average index may differ from Statistics Canada's published annual average index due to rounding.

Source: Statistics Canada and BC Stats

Changes to the Treatment of Rebates in the Consumer Price Index

Beginning with the Consumer Price Index for October 2003, Statistics Canada will change its treatment of rebate payments. The change will affect some types of rebate programs usually related to electricity or natural gas utilities.

Rebates will no longer be reflected in the CPI if they are paid on the basis of past consumption and were not known to consumers at the time of consumption.

To be reflected in the CPI, rebates or credits must relate to specific products and apply to all consumers (or a large proportion of consumers) of the product affected. CPI practice has been to reflect the impact of rebates at the time when rebates are paid. If a rebate was greater than the average monthly charge, the remainder of the rebate was reflected in following months until the rebate had been fully accounted for. Thus the CPI could reflect an average price close to zero for one month or several months in some situations. As a result, the treatment of rebates has had a significant effect on the

rate of change in the CPI, making the indexes for utilities particularly volatile.

The impact of the change will be to reduce short-term fluctuations in the CPI arising from rebates on past consumption. By treating retroactive rebates as windfalls to income rather than as price changes, the level of the CPI will be higher for the months that would have been affected under the past treatment of these rebates, with a corresponding impact on annual averages.

Rebate programs known to consumers at the time of purchase will continue to be accounted for in the CPI.

Source: Statistics Canada

More information about the concepts and use of the CPI is available online in the Statistics Canada publication *Your Guide to the Consumer Price Index* (www.statcan.ca/english/freepub/62-557-XIB/free.htm).

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January 2006 Consumer Price Index (1992=100)

	British Columbia			Canada		
	Index January 2006	% Change December 2005	% Change January 2005	Index January 2006	% Change December 2005	% Change January 2005
All-Items Index (1992=100)	**125.6**	**-0.1**	**1.6**	**128.8**	**0.5**	**2.6**
Food	**128.0**	**0.5**	**1.9**	**130.4**	**0.9**	**2.8**
Food Purchased From Stores	124.8	0.6	1.6	129.2	1.2	2.9
Meat	135.6	1.3	0.4	136.1	-0.3	-0.9
Fish & Other Seafood	122.7	0.9	-1.0	120.0	0.2	-1.2
Dairy Products & Eggs	132.2	0.5	3.9	135.4	0.4	5.5
Bakery & Other Cereal Products	124.4	-1.7	-0.1	133.6	-1.3	1.8
Fruit, Fruit Preparations & Nuts	106.6	-4.2	1.0	109.9	-0.7	0.7
Fresh Fruit	103.7	-4.6	4.5	111.5	-1.5	0.8
Vegetables & Vegetable Preparations	111.4	6.0	10.8	127.6	9.3	14.9
Fresh Vegetables	109.5	8.1	13.8	132.8	12.4	18.8
Other Food Products	127.7	2.1	-1.0	127.0	2.1	1.8
Coffee & Tea	138.1	-0.6	4.4	135.5	-0.4	5.7
Non-Alcoholic Beverages	80.6	14.5	-3.2	106.5	6.6	1.7
Food Purchased From Restaurants	135.0	0.1	2.4	134.2	0.3	3.0
Shelter	**109.5**	**0.0**	**2.1**	**127.2**	**1.2**	**3.9**
Rented Accommodation	116.3	0.0	0.3	119.9	0.0	0.8
Owned Accommodation	96.9	0.0	2.2	119.6	0.3	3.0
Property taxes	163.2	0.0	6.3	136.3	0.0	3.2
Water, Fuel & Electricity	160.8	0.3	4.9	170.1	5.5	11.2
Electricity	112.5	0.0	0.3	128.4	2.3	4.7
Piped Gas	259.0	-0.2	15.0	274.6	15.4	26.0
Fuel Oil & Other Fuel	215.8	-2.7	21.4	221.7	2.0	19.3
Household Operations & Furnishings	**123.1**	**0.3**	**0.5**	**116.4**	**0.2**	**1.0**
Household Operations	131.9	0.4	1.4	122.8	0.2	1.6
Household Furnishings	110.2	0.2	-1.3	106.6	0.2	-0.1
Clothing & Footwear	**109.3**	**-1.0**	**-2.6**	**99.0**	**-1.4**	**-1.0**
Clothing	104.1	-0.5	-4.4	95.0	-1.1	-1.0
Women's Clothing	105.0	0.4	-7.9	94.8	-0.5	-1.0
Men's Clothing	106.5	-2.2	0.1	96.8	-2.8	-1.3
Children's Clothing	94.2	2.3	-2.9	91.3	2.0	0.4
Footwear	108.9	-3.7	-1.3	98.7	-3.8	-2.7
Transportation	**149.9**	**0.5**	**4.0**	**154.2**	**1.4**	**5.4**
Private Transportation	146.0	0.6	4.0	151.8	1.5	5.6
Operation of Motor Vehicles	156.1	1.0	4.8	168.8	2.9	8.1
Gasoline	178.9	2.6	13.7	174.2	6.5	19.2
Public Transportation	186.0	-0.6	3.4	179.6	-0.7	2.9
Local & Commuter	160.2	3.8	6.9	158.1	1.6	5.6
Inter-City	196.1	-2.2	2.1	196.7	-2.1	1.2
Health & Personal Care	**127.9**	**-0.4**	**1.6**	**121.3**	**-0.2**	**1.9**
Health Care	133.6	0.0	2.3	128.9	0.1	2.8
Personal Care	122.0	-0.8	0.7	115.2	-0.4	1.1
Recreation, Education & Reading	**131.4**	**-1.7**	**-0.1**	**125.2**	**-1.1**	**-0.2**
Recreation	113.1	-2.6	-1.2	109.6	-1.5	-1.0
Education & Reading	200.6	0.1	2.5	185.3	0.0	1.8
Education	213.9	0.0	2.6	204.6	-0.1	1.6
Reading Material & Other Printed Matter	156.6	0.6	1.6	148.8	0.5	2.8
Alcoholic Beverages & Tobacco Products	**145.3**	**0.0**	**1.3**	**148.3**	**0.5**	**2.2**
Alcoholic Beverages	126.5	0.5	1.6	128.6	1.0	1.9
Alcoholic Beverages Purchased from Stores	122.8	0.6	0.8	127.3	1.4	1.4
Beer Purchased from Stores	146.3	0.1	2.0	139.0	2.3	1.6
Liquor Purchased from Stores	104.0	0.5	-0.3	111.3	0.6	0.6
Tobacco Products & Smokers' Supplies	161.9	-0.4	1.2	148.4	0.1	2.3
Cigarettes	161.7	-0.4	1.1	147.1	0.1	2.4
All-Items Excluding Food	125.1	-0.2	1.6	128.6	0.5	2.8
All-Items Excluding Alcohol & Tobacco	122.8	-0.1	1.7	128.9	0.5	2.9
All-Items Excluding Food & Energy	121.7	-0.3	0.8	124.3	-0.2	1.4

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Provinces	Monthly Index		% Change	Annual Index		% Change
	January 2006	December 2005	January 2005	2005	2004	2004/05
Canada	128.8	0.5	2.8	127.3	124.6	2.2
Newfoundland & Labrador	127.1	0.4	2.6	126.1	122.9	2.6
Prince Edward Island	129.8	0.3	3.6	128.5	124.5	3.2
Nova Scotia	130.9	0.0	3.1	129.6	126.1	2.8
New Brunswick	129.1	0.5	3.1	127.4	124.4	2.4
Quebec	124.9	0.6	2.7	123.5	120.7	2.3
Ontario	130.0	0.6	3.0	128.4	125.6	2.2
Manitoba	132.1	0.4	2.2	131.2	127.8	2.7
Saskatchewan	133.5	0.6	2.2	132.2	129.3	2.2
Alberta	137.1	1.3	4.1	134.3	131.5	2.1
British Columbia	**125.6**	**-0.1**	**1.6**	**125.3**	**122.8**	**2.0**
Whitehorse	125.1	0.0	3.1	123.8	121.1	2.2
Yellowknife	124.9	-0.4	2.6	123.6	120.8	2.3
Iqaluit (Dec. 2002=100)	103.5	-0.1	1.5	102.9	101.2	1.7

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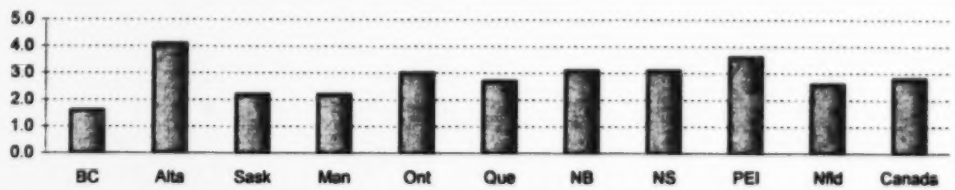

Metropolitan Areas	Monthly Index		% Change	Annual Index		% Change
	January 2006	December 2005	January 2005	2005	2004	2004/05
St. John's	126.7	0.3	2.4	125.9	122.8	2.5
Charlottetown	128.5	0.3	3.4	127.1	123.5	2.9
Halifax	129.3	0.0	2.8	128.1	125.0	2.5
Saint John	128.6	0.5	3.1	126.9	124.0	2.3
Quebec City	125.6	0.6	2.7	124.1	121.4	2.2
Montreal	124.9	0.6	2.7	123.4	120.7	2.2
Ottawa	131.7	0.5	3.0	130.2	127.3	2.3
Toronto	130.1	0.5	2.8	128.6	126.3	1.8
Thunder Bay	127.2	0.6	2.7	125.7	123.6	1.7
Winnipeg	132.1	0.4	2.2	131.2	127.9	2.6
Regina	134.1	0.4	2.1	133.1	130.3	2.1
Saskatoon	132.8	0.7	2.3	131.4	128.4	2.3
Edmonton	134.8	1.1	3.6	132.4	129.7	2.1
Calgary	138.3	1.3	4.4	135.1	132.5	2.0
Vancouver	**126.0**	**-0.1**	**1.4**	**125.7**	**123.4**	**1.9**
Victoria	**125.9**	**-0.2**	**1.9**	**125.5**	**122.8**	**2.2**

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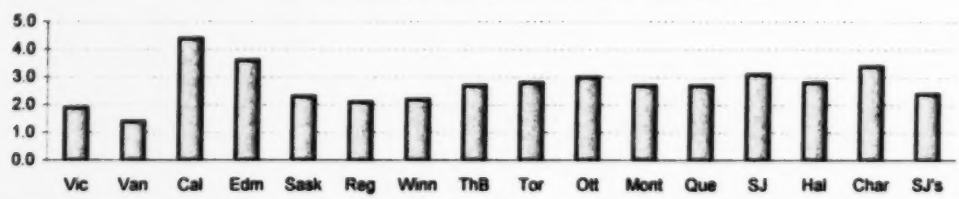

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British Columbia

Year	All Items	% Change Annual Average	Food	Shelter	Household Operation	Clothing Footwear	Trans-portation	Health & Personal	Recreation Education	Alcohol Tobacco
2002	117.9	1.7	120.6	101.9	121.0	112.6	135.0	121.9	124.7	135.7
2003	120.4	2.1	122.8	103.7	122.3	111.4	139.3	122.8	129.0	136.0
2004	122.8	2.0	124.4	105.9	122.9	112.0	143.2	125.0	132.3	142.9
2005	125.3	2.0	126.0	108.2	123.7	112.5	149.1	127.7	134.0	144.7
2005		Month / Year								
Jan	123.6	0.1 / 2.3	125.6	107.2	122.5	112.2	144.2	125.9	131.5	143.4
Feb	123.8	0.2 / 2.1	123.3	107.3	123.4	115.3	145.4	127.0	132.5	143.4
Mar	124.1	0.2 / 2.1	124.5	107.3	123.2	115.0	146.6	126.7	132.5	143.9
Apr	124.9	0.6 / 2.0	125.8	107.5	124.3	111.8	149.2	128.0	132.7	144.0
May	125.2	0.2 / 1.5	126.3	107.7	124.1	111.3	149.4	127.7	134.6	145.0
Jun	125.4	0.2 / 1.5	127.0	107.9	124.0	112.4	148.7	127.6	134.7	144.9
Jul	125.7	0.2 / 1.9	126.8	108.2	124.1	113.9	148.8	128.4	135.4	145.0
Aug	125.9	0.2 / 2.1	126.6	108.1	123.9	111.7	151.4	128.3	135.1	145.4
Sep	126.5	0.5 / 2.4	125.5	108.5	124.6	113.3	154.1	127.8	136.2	145.4
Oct	126.3	-0.2 / 2.3	126.6	109.7	123.5	111.2	151.6	127.7	134.8	145.3
Nov	126.2	-0.1 / 2.0	126.9	109.6	123.7	111.5	150.9	128.6	134.1	145.5
Dec	125.7	-0.4 / 1.8	127.4	109.5	122.7	110.4	149.2	128.4	133.7	145.3
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Jan	125.6	-0.1 / 1.6	128.0	109.5	123.1	109.3	149.9	127.9	131.4	145.3
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Year	All Items	% Change Annual Average	Food	Shelter	Household Operation	Clothing Footwear	Trans-portation	Health & Personal	Recreation Education	Alcohol Tobacco
2002	119.0	2.6	120.3	113.8	113.8	105.2	134.4	115.5	126.3	123.6
2003	122.3	2.8	122.4	117.5	114.6	103.3	141.4	117.0	127.3	136.0
2004	124.6	1.9	124.9	120.5	115.2	103.1	144.8	118.8	127.7	143.3
2005	127.3	2.2	128.0	124.2	115.8	102.6	150.7	120.8	127.4	147.2
2005		Month / Year								
Jan	125.3	-0.1 / 2.0	126.8	122.4	115.3	100.0	146.3	119.0	125.5	145.1
Feb	125.8	0.4 / 2.1	126.6	122.6	115.5	103.0	147.0	119.7	126.3	145.2
Mar	126.5	0.6 / 2.3	127.1	123.0	115.7	106.0	148.3	120.0	126.8	146.3
Apr	126.9	0.3 / 2.4	128.3	123.4	115.5	102.9	149.5	120.9	126.8	146.5
May	127.0	0.1 / 1.6	128.5	123.6	115.6	102.3	149.0	120.7	127.5	147.6
Jun	127.2	0.2 / 1.7	128.9	123.8	115.7	101.3	149.7	121.1	127.8	147.7
Jul	127.5	0.2 / 2.0	128.6	124.5	115.7	100.9	150.3	121.5	128.5	147.7
Aug	128.0	0.4 / 2.6	128.5	124.4	115.8	102.2	153.1	121.1	128.4	148.0
Sep	129.1	0.9 / 3.4	127.3	125.2	116.2	105.8	157.0	121.1	129.1	148.3
Oct	128.5	-0.5 / 2.6	127.7	126.0	115.7	104.5	153.3	121.2	128.0	147.9
Nov	128.2	-0.2 / 2.0	128.4	126.1	116.2	101.8	152.2	121.7	127.1	148.3
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January 2006 — Consumer Price Index (1992=100) — Selected Items

BRITISH COLUMBIA

	Rented Accommodation	Owned Accommodation	Energy for Dwellings: Piped Gas	Energy for Dwellings: Fuel Oil/ Other Fuel	Energy for Dwellings: Electricity	Motor Gasoline	Energy*	All Items Excluding Food	All Items Excluding Alcohol & Tobacco	All Items Excluding Food & Energy
2002	113.5	89.7	198.6	131.6	106.3	135.7	135.9	117.3	115.5	115.7
2003	114.7	91.3	223.7	151.0	106.9	148.4	144.9	119.9	117.8	117.8
2004	115.8	93.3	219.8	170.0	112.2	164.2	155.3	122.5	120.0	119.8
2005	116.2	95.6	236.2	213.7	112.2	184.3	167.4	125.1	122.4	121.6
2005 Jan	116.0	94.8	225.2	177.7	112.2	157.3	152.5	123.1	120.7	120.7
Feb	116.1	94.7	225.2	194.9	112.2	165.3	156.8	123.9	121.0	121.2
Mar	116.1	94.6	225.2	211.1	112.2	172.1	160.5	124.1	121.3	121.0
Apr	116.1	94.9	225.2	213.3	112.2	188.7	168.6	124.7	122.1	121.1
May	116.1	95.2	225.2	203.3	112.2	185.5	166.9	125.0	122.4	121.5
Jun	116.1	95.5	225.2	203.3	112.2	182.9	165.6	125.0	122.5	121.7
Jul	116.2	95.7	235.0	203.3	112.2	186.3	168.0	125.4	122.8	121.9
Aug	116.2	95.6	235.0	203.3	112.2	198.6	174.0	125.7	123.0	121.7
Sep	116.2	95.8	235.0	240.0	112.2	215.6	183.2	126.7	123.7	122.0
Oct	116.3	97.0	259.5	248.8	112.2	201.7	178.4	126.2	123.4	121.9
Nov	116.3	96.9	259.5	244.0	112.2	183.3	169.5	126.0	123.3	122.4
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Mar	119.1	116.5	224.2	201.9	122.5	158.9	156.9	126.5	126.6	123.4
Apr	119.2	116.7	215.7	206.4	125.9	167.2	161.9	126.7	126.9	123.2
May	119.3	117.2	212.1	202.4	126.2	162.0	158.8	126.7	127.0	123.5
Jun	119.3	117.5	214.0	202.4	126.2	165.9	160.9	126.9	127.2	123.6
Jul	119.4	117.6	236.8	202.4	126.7	172.5	166.3	127.4	127.5	123.5
Aug	119.6	117.6	228.9	202.4	126.7	183.8	171.4	128.0	128.1	123.7
Sep	119.7	117.8	245.9	230.1	126.7	203.6	184.2	129.5	129.1	124.2
Oct	119.8	118.7	250.3	236.8	127.0	185.4	175.8	128.7	128.5	124.1
Nov	119.8	119.0	253.4	228.6	126.7	164.6	165.1	128.3	128.3	124.6
Dec	119.9	119.3	238.0	217.3	125.5	163.6	162.3	127.9	128.2	124.5
2006 Jan	119.9	119.6	274.6	221.7	128.4	174.2	171.9	128.6	128.9	124.3
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** Energy includes Piped Gas, Fuel Oil/Other Fuel, Electricity, and Motor Gasoline*

January 2006 Consumer Price Index (1992=100)

Vancouver

			% Change			Accommodation		Water, Fuel
	Year	All Items	Annual Average		Shelter	Rented	Owned	Electricity
	2002	118.6	1.8		103.4	113.1	91.3	150.0
	2003	121.0	2.0		105.0	114.4	92.6	154.6
	2004	123.4	2.0		107.0	115.6	94.3	160.4
	2005	125.7	1.9		108.7	116.1	96.1	164.2
2005			Month	Year				
	Jan	124.3	0.1	2.5	108.2	115.9	95.7	161.8
	Feb	124.4	0.1	2.1	108.1	116.0	95.5	162.0
	Mar	124.8	0.3	2.1	108.0	116.1	95.3	162.2
	Apr	125.4	0.5	2.0	108.0	116.0	95.4	162.2
	May	125.7	0.2	1.4	108.3	116.1	95.8	162.2
	Jun	125.9	0.2	1.5	108.6	116.2	96.2	162.2
	Jul	126.3	0.3	1.9	108.8	116.2	96.3	163.9
	Aug	126.4	0.1	1.9	108.8	116.2	96.2	163.9
	Sep	126.7	0.2	2.1	108.6	116.2	95.9	164.2
	Oct	126.5	-0.2	1.9	109.9	116.2	97.2	168.7
	Nov	126.4	-0.1	1.8	109.8	116.3	97.1	168.6
	Dec	126.1	-0.2	1.5	109.7	116.3	97.0	168.4
2006								
	Jan	126.0	-0.1	1.4	110.0	116.3	97.3	169.1
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Victoria

			% Change			Accommodation		Water, Fuel
	Year	All Items	Annual Average		Shelter	Rented	Owned	Electricity
	2002	117.4	1.2		100.8	113.2	90.2	120.5
	2003	120.0	2.2		102.9	114.3	92.3	124.6
	2004	122.8	2.3		106.0	115.3	95.1	133.2
	2005	125.5	2.2		109.2	116.0	98.3	140.2
2005			Month	Year				
	Jan	123.6	0.0	2.5	107.6	116.0	96.9	135.2
	Feb	123.9	0.2	2.4	107.8	116.1	96.8	137.1
	Mar	124.3	0.3	2.5	108.0	116.0	96.9	139.8
	Apr	125.1	0.6	2.4	108.5	115.9	97.5	139.3
	May	125.4	0.2	1.8	108.6	116.0	97.6	139.5
	Jun	125.6	0.2	1.7	108.7	115.9	97.9	139.5
	Jul	125.9	0.2	2.1	109.0	115.9	98.2	139.5
	Aug	126.0	0.1	2.2	108.9	115.8	98.1	139.5
	Sep	126.8	0.6	2.6	110.0	115.9	99.1	142.6
	Oct	126.7	-0.1	2.5	111.1	116.0	100.3	145.2
	Nov	126.6	-0.1	2.3	111.0	116.0	100.3	143.8
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	Jan	125.9	-0.2	1.9	110.4	116.1	99.8	141.1
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Consumer Price Index ◆ February 2006

Highlights

- BC continued to have the lowest inflation rate (1.6%) amongst the provinces. Prince Edward Island posted the highest increase at 3.8%. Nationally, prices rose 2.2% during the same period.

- On a month-to-month basis, BC's CPI rose 0.2% from January 2006, whereas Canada's was down (-0.2%).

- Among the metropolitan areas, Charlottetown posted the highest increase in the CPI from last January at 3.7%, followed by Edmonton and Calgary with a 3.2% increase. Residents of Vancouver enjoyed the lowest increase in prices at 1.4%, followed by Victoria and Thunder Bay with a 1.7% increase.

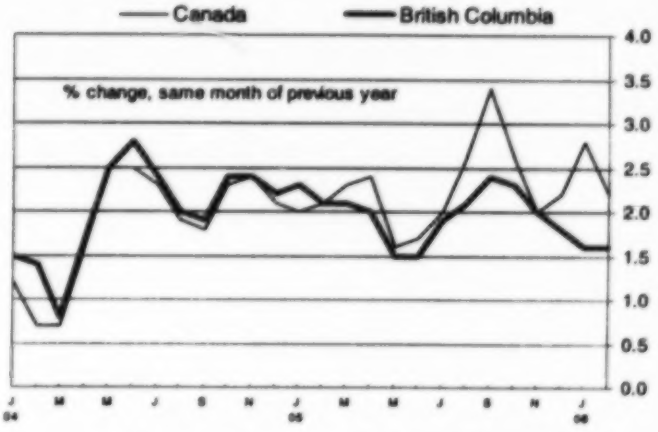
- Continuing to contribute to inflation was piped gas and fresh vegetables, both increased 15% since last year. Increases were also seen in fresh fruit (+9.9%), coffee and tea (+7.2%) and local and commuter public transportation (+6.9%). Offsetting these increases were lower costs for women's clothing (-9.9%), children's clothing (-4.1%) and recreation (-1.5%).

- BC's CPI, excluding food and energy, was 0.9% higher than in February 2005. The comparable figure for Canada was 1.4%.

Note: Statistics Canada will release the March Consumer Price Index on April 20, 2006.

1992=100	Index	% Change from	
	February 2006	January 2006	February 2005
Canada	128.6	-0.2	2.2
BC	125.8	0.2	1.6
Vancouver	126.1	0.1	1.4
Victoria	126.0	0.1	1.7
Core Canada[1]	127.6	0.3	1.7

BC and Canada Inflation Trend



1992=100	Latest 12-Month Average Index (ending in Feb. 2006	Latest 12-Month Average % Change	2005 Annual Average % Change
Canada	127.9	2.3	2.2
BC	125.6	1.9	2.0
Vancouver	126.0	1.7	1.9
Victoria	125.9	2.1	2.2

[1]**The Core CPI for Canada:** Defined by the Bank of Canada as the All-items index excluding the eight most volatile components (fruit, vegetables, gasoline, fuel oil, natural gas, mortgage interest, inter-city transportation and tobacco products). Also excluded is the effect of changes in indirect taxes on the remaining components.

Consumer Price Index—Terms and Definitions

Base Effect

The 12-month variation in the CPI is calculated by comparing the current month's index with the index for the same month of the previous year. The 12-month change is represented by the difference in the indexes of the reference months. Thus, the 12-month variation can decrease from one month to the next merely because the base serving as the point of comparison increased.

Source: Statistics Canada

Twelve-Month Percent Changes

Also referred to as "year-over-year", twelve-month percent changes compare indexes for a given month to indexes for the same month of the previous year. As they compare two points in time, they are influenced by unusual or temporary events that can affect either of the two months. Their calculation does not include any of the intervening monthly indexes.

Source: Statistics Canada

Annual Average Index

Annual average indexes are calculated by averaging index levels over the 12 months of the calendar year. These data should not be confused with the 12-month change in the CPI. By the nature of the calculation, averaging indexes over the calendar year gives a better representation of price behaviour over the whole year and is closer to the concept of an average price. The use of annual averages is considered the preferred option for indexation purposes.

Source: Statistics Canada

Latest Twelve-Month Average Index

The latest twelve-month average index (ending in the current month) is a 12-month moving average of the indexes of the most recent 12 months. It is calculated like the annual average index. Hence, in theory, the December twelve-month average index would be equal to the annual average index for the calendar year. However, in practice, when BC STATS makes these calculations from published data, the December 12-month average index may differ from Statistics Canada's published annual average index due to rounding.

Source: Statistics Canada and BC Stats

Changes to the Treatment of Rebates in the Consumer Price Index

Beginning with the Consumer Price Index for October 2003, Statistics Canada will change its treatment of rebate payments. The change will affect some types of rebate programs usually related to electricity or natural gas utilities.

Rebates will no longer be reflected in the CPI if they are paid on the basis of past consumption and were not known to consumers at the time of consumption.

To be reflected in the CPI, rebates or credits must relate to specific products and apply to all consumers (or a large proportion of consumers) of the product affected. CPI practice has been to reflect the impact of rebates at the time when rebates are paid. If a rebate was greater than the average monthly charge, the remainder of the rebate was reflected in following months until the rebate had been fully accounted for. Thus the CPI could reflect an average price close to zero for one month or several months in some situations. As a result, the treatment of rebates has had a significant effect on the

rate of change in the CPI, making the indexes for utilities particularly volatile.

The impact of the change will be to reduce short-term fluctuations in the CPI arising from rebates on past consumption. By treating retroactive rebates as windfalls to income rather than as price changes, the level of the CPI will be higher for the months that would have been affected under the past treatment of these rebates, with a corresponding impact on annual averages.

Rebate programs known to consumers at the time of purchase will continue to be accounted for in the CPI.

Source: Statistics Canada

More information about the concepts and use of the CPI is available online in the Statistics Canada publication *Your Guide to the Consumer Price Index* (www.statcan.ca/english/freepub/62-557-XIB/free.htm).

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February 2006 Consumer Price Index (1992=100)

	British Columbia			Canada		
	Index February 2006	% Change January 2005	% Change February 2005	Index February 2006	% Change January 2005	% Change February 2005
All-Items Index (1992=100)	**125.8**	**0.2**	**1.6**	**128.6**	**-0.2**	**2.2**
Food	**127.2**	**-0.6**	**3.2**	**130.2**	**-0.2**	**2.8**
Food Purchased From Stores	123.2	-1.3	3.4	128.7	-0.4	2.9
Meat	132.5	-2.3	-0.1	136.6	0.4	-1.0
Fish & Other Seafood	120.8	-1.5	0.5	120.5	0.4	-1.1
Dairy Products & Eggs	132.1	-0.1	4.8	136.5	0.8	5.1
Bakery & Other Cereal Products	124.2	-0.2	1.6	135.9	1.7	3.3
Fruit, Fruit Preparations & Nuts	103.3	-3.1	6.9	107.4	-2.3	1.2
Fresh Fruit	97.9	-5.6	9.9	107.3	-3.8	0.7
Vegetables & Vegetable Preparations	105.6	-5.2	11.9	121.1	-5.1	13.0
Fresh Vegetables	101.7	-7.1	15.0	123.8	-6.8	16.1
Other Food Products	128.4	0.5	1.4	126.8	-0.2	1.9
Coffee & Tea	139.1	0.7	7.2	135.5	0.0	5.9
Non-Alcoholic Beverages	79.1	-1.9	0.0	105.1	-1.3	0.9
Food Purchased From Restaurants	136.0	0.7	3.0	134.5	0.2	2.9
Shelter	**110.0**	**0.5**	**2.5**	**127.1**	**-0.1**	**3.7**
Rented Accommodation	116.4	0.1	0.3	120.1	0.2	0.8
Owned Accommodation	97.5	0.6	3.0	120.0	0.3	3.3
Property taxes	163.2	0.0	6.3	136.3	0.0	3.2
Water, Fuel & Electricity	160.9	0.1	4.4	167.8	-1.4	8.8
Electricity	112.5	0.0	0.3	128.4	0.0	4.7
Piped Gas	259.0	0.0	15.0	259.5	-5.5	17.1
Fuel Oil & Other Fuel	208.8	-3.2	7.1	220.6	-0.5	13.7
Household Operations & Furnishings	**124.2**	**0.9**	**0.6**	**116.6**	**0.2**	**1.0**
Household Operations	131.7	-0.2	0.8	123.2	0.3	1.6
Household Furnishings	113.7	3.2	0.4	106.4	-0.2	-0.1
Clothing & Footwear	**110.6**	**1.2**	**-4.1**	**100.4**	**1.4**	**-2.5**
Clothing	105.7	1.5	-6.3	96.7	1.8	-3.3
Women's Clothing	106.9	1.8	-9.9	96.2	1.5	-4.1
Men's Clothing	108.8	2.2	-1.8	100.1	3.4	-2.1
Children's Clothing	92.4	-1.9	-4.1	90.1	-1.3	-2.4
Footwear	112.8	3.6	-0.7	101.0	2.3	-1.8
Transportation	**148.7**	**-0.8**	**2.3**	**151.5**	**-1.8**	**3.1**
Private Transportation	144.7	-0.9	2.0	148.9	-1.9	3.0
Operation of Motor Vehicles	154.3	-1.2	1.6	163.5	-3.1	3.0
Gasoline	173.8	-2.9	5.1	162.3	-6.8	7.4
Public Transportation	186.1	0.1	3.6	179.8	0.1	3.0
Local & Commuter	160.2	0.0	6.9	158.3	0.1	5.5
Inter-City	196.2	0.1	2.3	196.8	0.1	1.4
Health & Personal Care	**128.3**	**0.3**	**1.0**	**121.7**	**0.3**	**1.7**
Health Care	133.8	0.1	2.1	129.0	0.1	2.6
Personal Care	122.7	0.6	-0.3	115.9	0.6	0.7
Recreation, Education & Reading	**132.2**	**0.6**	**-0.2**	**125.9**	**0.6**	**-0.3**
Recreation	114.1	0.9	-1.5	110.5	0.8	-1.1
Education & Reading	200.6	0.0	2.5	185.2	-0.1	1.8
Education	213.9	0.0	2.6	204.6	0.0	1.6
Reading Material & Other Printed Matter	156.6	0.0	1.6	148.4	-0.3	2.5
Alcoholic Beverages & Tobacco Products	**145.6**	**0.2**	**1.5**	**148.9**	**0.4**	**2.5**
Alcoholic Beverages	127.0	0.4	2.1	128.9	0.2	1.8
Alcoholic Beverages Purchased from Stores	123.6	0.7	1.6	127.2	-0.1	1.1
Beer Purchased from Stores	148.5	1.5	3.1	138.9	-0.1	1.5
Liquor Purchased from Stores	104.0	0.0	0.1	111.2	-0.1	0.7
Tobacco Products & Smokers' Supplies	162.0	0.1	1.0	149.2	0.5	3.0
Cigarettes	161.8	0.1	0.9	147.9	0.5	3.0
All-Items Excluding Food	125.5	0.3	1.3	128.3	-0.2	2.1
All-Items Excluding Alcohol & Tobacco	122.9	0.1	1.6	128.6	-0.2	2.2
All-Items Excluding Food & Energy	122.3	0.5	0.9	124.7	0.3	1.4

Source: Statistics Canada

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February 2006 Consumer Price Index (1992=100)

Provinces	Monthly Index	% Change		Annual Index		% Change
	February 2006	January 2005	February 2005	2005	2004	2004/05
Canada	128.6	-0.2	2.2	127.3	124.6	2.2
Newfoundland & Labrador	127.1	0.0	2.1	126.1	122.9	2.6
Prince Edward Island	130.4	0.5	3.8	128.5	124.5	3.2
Nova Scotia	130.5	-0.3	2.4	129.6	126.1	2.8
New Brunswick	128.9	-0.2	2.6	127.4	124.4	2.4
Quebec	124.8	-0.1	2.3	123.5	120.7	2.3
Ontario	129.6	-0.3	2.0	128.4	125.6	2.2
Manitoba	131.9	-0.2	1.9	131.2	127.8	2.7
Saskatchewan	133.4	-0.1	1.9	132.2	129.3	2.2
Alberta	136.2	-0.7	3.3	134.3	131.5	2.1
British Columbia	**125.8**	**0.2**	**1.6**	**125.3**	**122.8**	**2.0**
Whitehorse	124.6	-0.4	2.6	123.8	121.1	2.2
Yellowknife	124.8	-0.1	2.4	123.6	120.8	2.3
Iqaluit (Dec. 2002=100)	103.7	0.2	2.0	102.9	101.2	1.7

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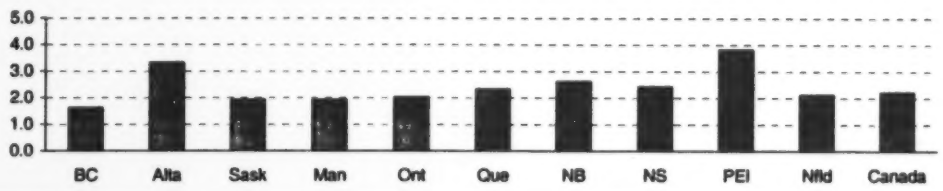

Metropolitan Areas	Monthly Index	% Change		Annual Index		% Change
	February 2006	January 2005	February 2005	2005	2004	2004/05
St. John's	126.7	0.0	1.9	125.9	122.8	2.5
Charlottetown	129.1	0.5	3.7	127.1	123.5	2.9
Halifax	129.0	-0.2	2.3	128.1	125.0	2.5
Saint John	128.5	-0.1	2.7	126.9	124.0	2.3
Quebec City	125.5	-0.1	2.4	124.1	121.4	2.2
Montreal	124.8	-0.1	2.4	123.4	120.7	2.2
Ottawa	131.3	-0.3	1.9	130.2	127.3	2.3
Toronto	129.8	-0.2	2.0	128.6	126.3	1.8
Thunder Bay	126.7	-0.4	1.7	125.7	123.6	1.7
Winnipeg	131.9	-0.2	1.8	131.2	127.9	2.6
Regina	134.3	0.1	2.0	133.1	130.3	2.1
Saskatoon	132.6	-0.2	2.0	131.4	128.4	2.3
Edmonton	134.2	-0.4	3.2	132.4	129.7	2.1
Calgary	137.0	-0.9	3.2	135.1	132.5	2.0
Vancouver	**126.1**	**0.1**	**1.4**	**125.7**	**123.4**	**1.9**
Victoria	**126.0**	**0.1**	**1.7**	**125.5**	**122.8**	**2.2**

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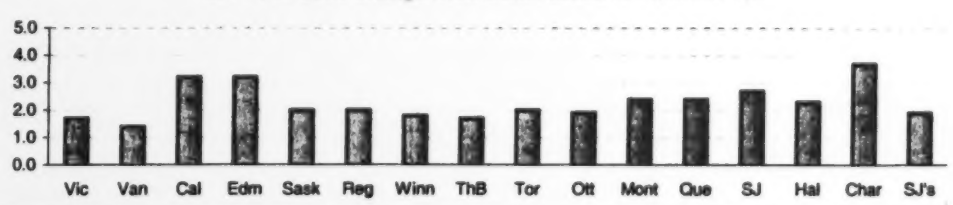

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February 2006 Consumer Price Index (1992=100)

British Columbia

Year	All Items	% Change Annual Average	Food	Shelter	Household Operation	Clothing Footwear	Trans-portation	Health & Personal	Recreation Education	Alcohol Tobacco
2002	117.9	1.7	120.6	101.9	121.0	112.6	135.0	121.9	124.7	126.7
2003	120.4	2.1	122.8	103.7	122.3	111.4	139.3	122.8	129.0	136.0
2004	122.8	2.0	124.4	105.9	122.9	112.0	143.2	125.0	132.3	142.9
2005	125.3	2.0	126.0	108.2	123.7	112.5	149.1	127.7	134.0	144.7
2005		Month / Year								
Jan	123.6	0.1 / 2.3	125.6	107.2	122.5	112.2	144.2	125.9	131.5	143.4
Feb	123.8	0.2 / 2.1	123.3	107.3	123.4	115.3	145.4	127.0	132.5	143.4
Mar	124.1	0.2 / 2.1	124.5	107.3	123.2	115.0	146.6	126.7	132.5	143.9
Apr	124.9	0.6 / 2.0	125.8	107.5	124.3	111.8	149.2	128.0	132.7	144.0
May	125.2	0.2 / 1.5	126.3	107.7	124.1	111.3	149.4	127.7	134.6	145.0
Jun	125.4	0.2 / 1.5	127.0	107.9	124.0	112.4	148.7	127.6	134.7	144.9
Jul	125.7	0.2 / 1.9	126.8	108.2	124.1	113.9	148.8	128.4	135.4	145.0
Aug	125.9	0.2 / 2.1	126.6	108.1	123.9	111.7	151.4	128.3	135.1	145.4
Sep	126.5	0.5 / 2.4	125.5	108.5	124.6	113.3	154.1	127.8	136.2	145.4
Oct	126.3	-0.2 / 2.3	126.6	109.7	123.5	111.2	151.6	127.7	134.8	145.3
Nov	126.2	-0.1 / 2.0	126.9	109.6	123.7	111.5	150.9	128.6	134.1	145.5
Dec	125.7	-0.4 / 1.8	127.4	109.5	122.7	110.4	149.2	128.4	133.7	145.3
2006										
Jan	125.6	-0.1 / 1.6	128.0	109.5	123.1	109.3	149.9	127.9	131.4	145.3
Feb	125.8	0.2 / 1.6	127.2	110.0	124.2	110.6	148.7	128.3	132.2	145.6
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Canada

Year	All Items	% Change Annual Average	Food	Shelter	Household Operation	Clothing Footwear	Trans-portation	Health & Personal	Recreation Education	Alcohol Tobacco
2002	119.0	2.6	120.3	113.8	113.8	105.2	134.4	115.5	126.3	123.6
2003	122.3	2.8	122.4	117.5	114.6	103.3	141.4	117.0	127.3	136.0
2004	124.6	1.9	124.9	120.5	115.2	103.1	144.8	118.8	127.7	143.3
2005	127.3	2.2	128.0	124.2	115.8	102.6	150.7	120.8	127.4	147.2
2005		Month / Year								
Jan	125.3	-0.1 / 2.0	126.8	122.4	115.3	100.0	146.3	119.0	125.5	145.1
Feb	125.8	0.4 / 2.1	126.6	122.6	115.5	103.0	147.0	119.7	126.3	145.2
Mar	126.5	0.6 / 2.3	127.1	123.0	115.7	106.0	148.3	120.0	126.8	146.3
Apr	126.9	0.3 / 2.4	128.3	123.4	115.5	102.9	149.5	120.9	126.8	146.5
May	127.0	0.1 / 1.6	128.5	123.6	115.6	102.3	149.0	120.7	127.5	147.6
Jun	127.2	0.2 / 1.7	128.9	123.8	115.7	101.3	149.7	121.1	127.8	147.7
Jul	127.5	0.2 / 2.0	128.6	124.5	115.7	100.9	150.3	121.5	128.5	147.7
Aug	128.0	0.4 / 2.6	128.5	124.4	115.8	102.2	153.1	121.1	128.4	148.0
Sep	129.1	0.9 / 3.4	127.3	125.2	116.2	105.8	157.0	121.1	129.1	148.3
Oct	128.5	-0.5 / 2.6	127.7	126.0	115.7	104.5	153.3	121.2	128.0	147.9
Nov	128.2	-0.2 / 2.0	128.4	126.1	116.2	101.8	152.2	121.7	127.1	148.3
Dec	128.1	-0.1 / 2.2	129.3	125.7	116.2	100.4	152.1	121.5	126.6	147.5
2006										
Jan	128.8	0.5 / 2.8	130.4	127.2	116.4	99.0	154.2	121.3	125.2	148.3
Feb	128.6	-0.2 / 2.2	130.2	127.1	116.6	100.4	151.5	121.7	125.9	148.9
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BRITISH COLUMBIA	Rented Accom-modation	Owned Accom-modation	Energy for Dwellings			Motor Gasoline	Energy*	All Items Excluding Food	All Items Excluding Alcohol & Tobacco	All Items Excluding Food & Energy
			Piped Gas	Fuel Oil/ Other Fuel	Electricity					
2002	113.5	89.7	198.6	131.6	106.3	135.7	135.9	117.3	115.5	115.7
2003	114.7	91.3	223.7	151.0	106.9	148.4	144.9	119.9	117.8	117.8
2004	115.8	93.3	219.8	170.0	112.2	164.2	155.3	122.5	120.0	119.8
2005	116.2	95.6	236.2	213.7	112.2	184.3	167.4	125.1	122.4	121.6
2005 Jan	116.0	94.8	225.2	177.7	112.2	157.3	152.5	123.1	120.7	120.7
Feb	116.1	94.7	225.2	194.9	112.2	165.3	156.8	123.9	121.0	121.2
Mar	116.1	94.6	225.2	211.1	112.2	172.1	160.5	124.1	121.3	121.0
Apr	116.1	94.9	225.2	213.3	112.2	188.7	168.6	124.7	122.1	121.1
May	116.1	95.2	225.2	203.3	112.2	185.5	166.9	125.0	122.4	121.5
Jun	116.1	95.5	225.2	203.3	112.2	182.9	165.6	125.0	122.5	121.7
Jul	116.2	95.7	235.0	203.3	112.2	186.3	168.0	125.4	122.8	121.9
Aug	116.2	95.6	235.0	203.3	112.2	198.6	174.0	125.7	123.0	121.7
Sep	116.2	95.8	235.0	240.0	112.2	215.6	183.2	126.7	123.7	122.0
Oct	116.3	97.0	259.5	248.8	112.2	201.7	178.4	126.2	123.4	121.9
Nov	116.3	96.9	259.5	244.0	112.2	183.3	169.5	126.0	123.3	122.4
Dec	116.3	96.9	259.5	221.9	112.5	174.4	164.7	125.4	122.9	122.1
2006 Jan	116.3	96.9	259.0	215.8	112.5	178.9	166.7	125.1	122.8	121.7
Feb	116.4	97.5	259.0	208.8	112.5	173.8	164.1	125.5	122.9	122.3
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CANADA	Rented Accom-modation	Owned Accom-modation	Energy for Dwellings			Motor Gasoline	Energy*	All Items Excluding Food	All Items Excluding Alcohol & Tobacco	All Items Excluding Food & Energy
			Piped Gas	Fuel Oil/ Other Fuel	Electricity					
2002	115.5	107.6	168.7	131.8	119.6	127.2	129.6	118.8	119.6	117.5
2003	117.2	110.9	219.5	151.5	117.2	135.4	139.9	122.4	122.5	120.5
2004	118.5	114.0	214.9	166.7	122.0	149.6	149.3	124.5	124.6	122.0
2005	119.4	117.5	229.9	209.2	125.4	168.7	163.8	127.3	127.4	123.7
2005 Jan	119.0	116.1	218.0	185.9	122.6	146.2	149.1	125.1	125.3	122.6
Feb	119.1	116.2	221.6	194.1	122.6	151.1	152.3	125.7	125.8	123.0
Mar	119.1	116.5	224.2	201.9	122.5	158.9	156.9	126.5	126.6	123.4
Apr	119.2	116.7	215.7	206.4	125.9	167.2	161.9	126.7	126.9	123.2
May	119.3	117.2	212.1	202.4	126.2	162.0	158.8	126.7	127.0	123.5
Jun	119.3	117.5	214.0	202.4	126.2	165.9	160.9	126.9	127.2	123.6
Jul	119.4	117.6	236.8	202.4	126.7	172.5	166.3	127.4	127.5	123.5
Aug	119.6	117.6	228.9	202.4	126.7	183.8	171.4	128.0	128.1	123.7
Sep	119.7	117.8	245.9	230.1	126.7	203.6	184.2	129.5	129.1	124.2
Oct	119.8	118.7	250.3	236.8	127.0	185.4	175.8	128.7	128.5	124.1
Nov	119.8	119.0	253.4	228.6	126.7	164.6	165.1	128.3	128.3	124.6
Dec	119.9	119.3	238.0	217.3	125.5	163.6	162.3	127.9	128.2	124.5
2006 Jan	119.9	119.8	274.6	221.7	128.4	174.2	171.9	128.6	128.9	124.3
Feb	120.1	120.0	259.5	220.6	128.4	162.3	164.7	128.3	128.6	124.7
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** Energy includes Piped Gas, Fuel Oil/Other Fuel, Electricity, and Motor Gasoline*

February 2006 Consumer Price Index (1992=100)

Vancouver

			% Change			Accommodation		Water, Fuel
	Year	All Items	Annual Average		Shelter	Rented	Owned	Electricity
	2002	118.6	1.8		103.4	113.1	91.3	150.0
	2003	121.0	2.0		105.0	114.4	92.6	154.6
	2004	123.4	2.0		107.0	115.6	94.3	160.4
	2005	125.7	1.9		108.7	116.1	96.1	164.2
2005			Month	Year				
	Jan	124.3	0.1	2.5	108.2	115.9	95.7	161.8
	Feb	124.4	0.1	2.1	108.1	116.0	95.5	162.0
	Mar	124.8	0.3	2.1	108.0	116.1	95.3	162.2
	Apr	125.4	0.5	2.0	108.0	116.0	95.4	162.2
	May	125.7	0.2	1.4	108.3	116.1	95.8	162.2
	Jun	125.9	0.2	1.5	108.6	116.2	96.2	162.2
	Jul	126.3	0.3	1.9	108.8	116.2	96.3	163.9
	Aug	126.4	0.1	1.9	108.8	116.2	96.2	163.9
	Sep	126.7	0.2	2.1	108.6	116.2	95.9	164.2
	Oct	126.5	-0.2	1.9	109.9	116.2	97.2	168.7
	Nov	126.4	-0.1	1.8	109.8	116.3	97.1	168.6
	Dec	126.1	-0.2	1.5	109.7	116.3	97.0	168.4
2006								
	Jan	126.0	-0.1	1.4	110.0	116.3	97.3	169.1
	Feb	126.1	0.1	1.4	110.7	116.4	98.1	170.0
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Victoria

			% Change			Accommodation		Water, Fuel
	Year	All Items	Annual Average		Shelter	Rented	Owned	Electricity
	2002	117.4	1.2		100.8	113.2	90.2	120.5
	2003	120.0	2.2		102.9	114.3	92.3	124.6
	2004	122.8	2.3		106.0	115.3	95.1	133.2
	2005	125.5	2.2		109.2	116.0	98.3	140.2
2005			Month	Year				
	Jan	123.6	0.0	2.5	107.6	116.0	96.9	135.2
	Feb	123.9	0.2	2.4	107.8	116.1	96.8	137.1
	Mar	124.3	0.3	2.5	108.0	116.0	96.9	139.8
	Apr	125.1	0.6	2.4	108.5	115.9	97.5	139.3
	May	125.4	0.2	1.8	108.6	116.0	97.6	139.5
	Jun	125.6	0.2	1.7	108.7	115.9	97.9	139.5
	Jul	125.9	0.2	2.1	109.0	115.9	98.2	139.5
	Aug	126.0	0.1	2.2	108.9	115.8	98.1	139.5
	Sep	126.8	0.6	2.6	110.0	115.9	99.1	142.6
	Oct	126.7	-0.1	2.5	111.1	116.0	100.3	145.2
	Nov	126.6	-0.1	2.3	111.0	116.0	100.3	143.8
	Dec	126.1	-0.4	2.0	110.7	116.1	100.2	141.6
2006								
	Jan	125.9	-0.2	1.9	110.4	116.1	99.8	141.1
	Feb	126.0	0.1	1.7	110.6	116.6	100.2	140.4
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Consumer Price Index ◆ March 2006

Highlights

- BC continues to have one of the lowest inflation rates (1.8%) amongst the provinces. Manitoba's rate was also 1.8% and only Saskatchewan was lower at 1.7%. Alberta posted the highest increase at 3.2%. Nationally, prices rose 2.2% during the same period.

- On a month-to-month basis, BC's CPI rose 0.4% from February 2006, and Canada's was 0.5%.

- Among the metropolitan areas, Calgary posted the highest increase in the CPI from last March at 3.3%, followed by Edmonton with a 2.9% increase. Residents of Vancouver again enjoyed the lowest increase in prices at 1.6%, followed by Victoria, Regina and St. John's with a 1.7% increase.

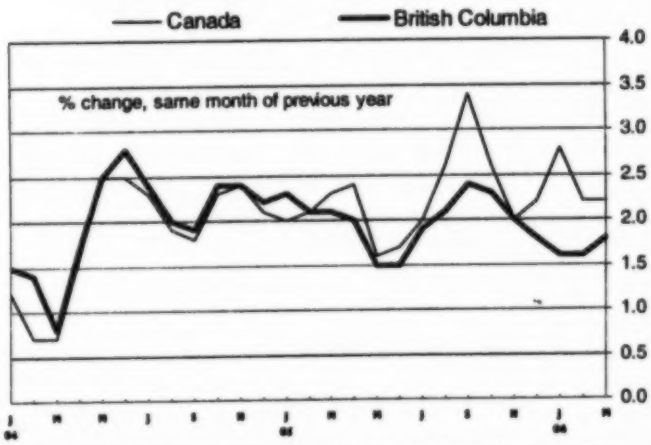
- Piped gas continues to drive the BC year-over-year inflation (15.0%). Increases were also seen in coffee and tea (5.3%), fresh fruit (4.0%) and local and commuter public transportation (6.9%). Offsetting these increases were lower costs for children's clothing (-3.9%) and fish and other seafood (-2.7%).

- BC's CPI, excluding food and energy, was 1.4% higher than in March 2005. The comparable figure for Canada was 1.5%.

Note: Statistics Canada will release the April Consumer Price Index on May 18, 2006.

1992=100	Index	% Change from	
	March 2006	February 2006	March 2005
Canada	129.3	0.5	2.2
BC	126.3	0.4	1.8
Vancouver	126.8	0.6	1.6
Victoria	126.4	0.3	1.7
Core Canada[1]	128.1	0.4	1.7

BC and Canada Inflation Trend



1992=100	Latest 12-Month Average Index (ending in March. 2006)	Latest 12-Month Average % Change	2005 Annual Average % Change
Canada	128.1	2.3	2.2
BC	125.8	1.9	2.0
Vancouver	126.2	1.7	1.9
Victoria	126.0	2.1	2.2

[1]**The Core CPI for Canada:** Defined by the Bank of Canada as the All-items index excluding the eight most volatile components (fruit, vegetables, gasoline, fuel oil, natural gas, mortgage interest, inter-city transportation and tobacco products). Also excluded is the effect of changes in indirect taxes on the remaining components.

Consumer Price Index—Terms and Definitions

Base Effect

The 12-month variation in the CPI is calculated by comparing the current month's index with the index for the same month of the previous year. The 12-month change is represented by the difference in the indexes of the reference months. Thus, the 12-month variation can decrease from one month to the next merely because the base serving as the point of comparison increased.

Source: Statistics Canada

Twelve-Month Percent Changes

Also referred to as "year-over-year", twelve-month percent changes compare indexes for a given month to indexes for the same month of the previous year. As they compare two points in time, they are influenced by unusual or temporary events that can affect either of the two months. Their calculation does not include any of the intervening monthly indexes.

Source: Statistics Canada

Annual Average Index

Annual average indexes are calculated by averaging index levels over the 12 months of the calendar year. These data should not be confused with the 12-month change in the CPI. By the nature of the calculation, averaging indexes over the calendar year gives a better representation of price behaviour over the whole year and is closer to the concept of an average price. The use of annual averages is considered the preferred option for indexation purposes.

Source: Statistics Canada

Latest Twelve-Month Average Index

The latest twelve-month average index (ending in the current month) is a 12-month moving average of the indexes of the most recent 12 months. It is calculated like the annual average index. Hence, in theory, the December twelve-month average index would be equal to the annual average index for the calendar year. However, in practice, when BC STATS makes these calculations from published data, the December 12-month average index may differ from Statistics Canada's published annual average index due to rounding.

Source: Statistics Canada and BC Stats

Changes to the Treatment of Rebates in the Consumer Price Index

Beginning with the Consumer Price Index for October 2003, Statistics Canada will change its treatment of rebate payments. The change will affect some types of rebate programs usually related to electricity or natural gas utilities.

Rebates will no longer be reflected in the CPI if they are paid on the basis of past consumption and were not known to consumers at the time of consumption.

To be reflected in the CPI, rebates or credits must relate to specific products and apply to all consumers (or a large proportion of consumers) of the product affected. CPI practice has been to reflect the impact of rebates at the time when rebates are paid. If a rebate was greater than the average monthly charge, the remainder of the rebate was reflected in following months until the rebate had been fully accounted for. Thus the CPI could reflect an average price close to zero for one month or several months in some situations. As a result, the treatment of rebates has had a significant effect on the

rate of change in the CPI, making the indexes for utilities particularly volatile.

The impact of the change will be to reduce short-term fluctuations in the CPI arising from rebates on past consumption. By treating retroactive rebates as windfalls to income rather than as price changes, the level of the CPI will be higher for the months that would have been affected under the past treatment of these rebates, with a corresponding impact on annual averages.

Rebate programs known to consumers at the time of purchase will continue to be accounted for in the CPI.

Source: Statistics Canada

More information about the concepts and use of the CPI is available online in the Statistics Canada publication *Your Guide to the Consumer Price Index* (www.statcan.ca/english/freepub/62-557-XIB/free.htm).

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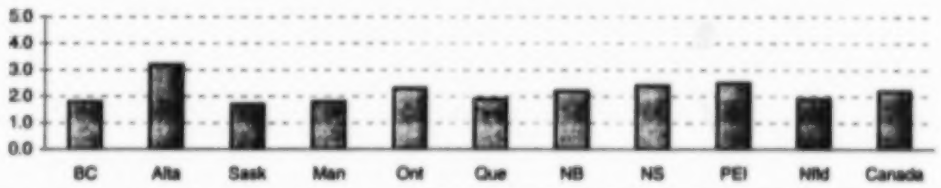
March 2006 Consumer Price Index (1992=100)

	British Columbia			Canada		
	Index	% Change		Index	% Change	
	March	February	March	March	February	March
	2006	2005	2005	2006	2005	2005
All-Items Index (1992=100)	**126.3**	**0.4**	**1.8**	**129.3**	**0.5**	**2.2**
Food	**126.6**	**-0.5**	**1.7**	**130.2**	**0.0**	**2.4**
Food Purchased From Stores	122.3	-0.7	1.2	128.5	-0.2	2.1
Meat	131.3	-0.9	-1.1	136.7	0.1	-1.5
Fish & Other Seafood	117.6	-2.6	-2.7	119.4	-0.9	-2.1
Dairy Products & Eggs	131.4	-0.5	2.4	137.1	0.4	4.0
Bakery & Other Cereal Products	125.7	1.2	1.2	136.6	0.5	3.6
Fruit, Fruit Preparations & Nuts	100.3	-2.9	1.1	106.0	-1.3	2.2
Fresh Fruit	94.2	-3.8	4.0	104.0	-3.1	3.3
Vegetables & Vegetable Preparations	100.5	-4.8	2.7	114.8	-5.2	4.5
Fresh Vegetables	95.4	-6.2	1.8	115.7	-6.5	4.7
Other Food Products	130.0	1.2	2.0	128.6	1.4	2.7
Coffee & Tea	136.3	-2.0	5.3	134.8	-0.5	4.3
Non-Alcoholic Beverages	81.7	3.3	0.0	110.3	4.9	4.0
Food Purchased From Restaurants	135.9	-0.1	2.6	135.0	0.4	3.1
Shelter	**110.1**	**0.1**	**2.6**	**127.3**	**0.2**	**3.5**
Rented Accommodation	116.5	0.1	0.3	120.1	0.0	0.8
Owned Accommodation	97.6	0.1	3.2	120.4	0.3	3.3
Property taxes	163.2	0.0	6.3	136.3	0.0	3.2
Water, Fuel & Electricity	161.3	0.2	4.2	167.1	-0.4	7.6
Electricity	112.8	0.3	0.5	128.4	0.0	4.8
Piped Gas	259.0	0.0	15.0	256.5	-1.2	14.4
Fuel Oil & Other Fuel	212.2	1.6	0.5	218.0	-1.2	8.0
Household Operations & Furnishings	**124.1**	**-0.1**	**0.7**	**116.5**	**-0.1**	**0.7**
Household Operations	131.5	-0.2	0.7	123.1	-0.1	1.4
Household Furnishings	113.8	0.1	1.1	106.2	-0.2	-0.7
Clothing & Footwear	**114.4**	**3.4**	**-0.5**	**103.3**	**2.9**	**-2.5**
Clothing	111.5	5.5	-0.9	100.5	3.9	-3.5
Women's Clothing	116.4	8.9	-0.4	102.7	6.8	-3.4
Men's Clothing	111.0	2.0	-0.5	100.1	0.0	-3.9
Children's Clothing	94.8	2.6	-3.9	92.8	3.0	-3.1
Footwear	112.7	-0.1	-0.2	102.4	1.4	-1.1
Transportation	**150.5**	**1.2**	**2.7**	**153.5**	**1.3**	**3.5**
Private Transportation	146.5	1.2	2.7	151.1	1.5	3.7
Operation of Motor Vehicles	157.9	2.3	2.3	168.2	2.9	3.8
Gasoline	183.6	5.6	6.7	170.7	5.2	7.4
Public Transportation	187.2	0.6	2.7	180.5	0.4	2.2
Local & Commuter	160.2	0.0	6.9	158.4	0.1	4.3
Inter-City	197.7	0.8	1.1	198.1	0.7	0.9
Health & Personal Care	**128.5**	**0.2**	**1.4**	**121.9**	**0.2**	**1.8**
Health Care	133.9	0.1	1.9	129.1	0.1	2.5
Personal Care	123.0	0.2	0.8	116.2	0.3	0.8
Recreation, Education & Reading	**133.0**	**0.6**	**0.4**	**126.6**	**0.6**	**-0.2**
Recreation	115.2	1.0	-0.4	111.2	0.6	-1.0
Education & Reading	200.5	0.0	2.3	185.5	0.2	1.8
Education	213.9	0.0	2.5	204.9	0.1	1.7
Reading Material & Other Printed Matter	156.4	-0.1	1.6	148.6	0.1	2.1
Alcoholic Beverages & Tobacco Products	**145.8**	**0.1**	**1.3**	**150.2**	**0.9**	**2.7**
Alcoholic Beverages	126.7	-0.2	1.3	128.7	-0.2	1.7
Alcoholic Beverages Purchased from Stores	123.1	-0.4	0.3	126.9	-0.2	0.8
Beer Purchased from Stores	148.5	0.0	1.6	139.0	0.1	1.4
Liquor Purchased from Stores	104.0	0.0	-0.3	111.1	-0.1	1.0
Tobacco Products & Smokers' Supplies	162.8	0.5	1.4	151.6	1.6	3.3
Cigarettes	162.6	0.5	1.3	150.2	1.6	3.3
All-Items Excluding Food	126.2	0.6	1.7	129.1	0.6	2.1
All-Items Excluding Alcohol & Tobacco	123.5	0.5	1.8	129.3	0.5	2.1
All-Items Excluding Food & Energy	122.7	0.3	1.4	125.2	0.4	1.5

March 2006 Consumer Price Index (1992=100)

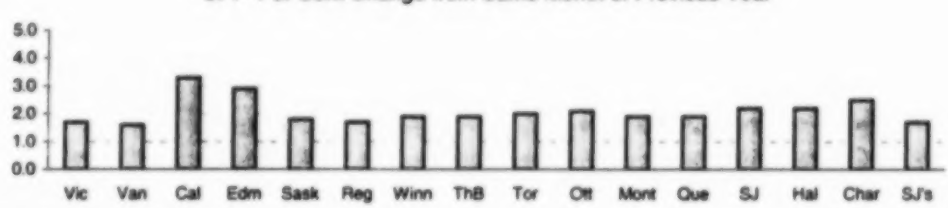
Provinces	Monthly Index		% Change	Annual Index		% Change
	March 2006	February 2005	March 2005	2005	2004	2004/05
Canada	129.3	0.5	2.2	127.3	124.6	2.2
Newfoundland & Labrador	127.4	0.2	1.9	126.1	122.9	2.6
Prince Edward Island	129.9	-0.4	2.5	128.5	124.5	3.2
Nova Scotia	131.3	0.6	2.4	129.6	126.1	2.8
New Brunswick	129.4	0.4	2.2	127.4	124.4	2.4
Quebec	125.2	0.3	1.9	123.5	120.7	2.3
Ontario	130.7	0.8	2.3	128.4	125.6	2.2
Manitoba	132.4	0.4	1.8	131.2	127.8	2.7
Saskatchewan	133.8	0.3	1.7	132.2	129.3	2.2
Alberta	137.0	0.6	3.2	134.3	131.5	2.1
British Columbia	**128.3**	**0.4**	**1.8**	**125.3**	**122.8**	**2.0**
Whitehorse	124.5	-0.1	1.9	123.8	121.1	2.2
Yellowknife	124.5	-0.2	2.0	123.6	120.8	2.3
Iqaluit (Dec. 2002=100)	103.7	0.2	2.0	102.9	101.2	1.7

CPI - Per Cent Change from Same Month of Previous Year



Metropolitan Areas	Monthly Index		% Change	Annual Index		% Change
	March 2006	February 2005	March 2005	2005	2004	2004/05
St. John's	126.9	0.2	1.7	125.9	122.8	2.5
Charlottetown	128.7	-0.3	2.5	127.1	123.5	2.9
Halifax	129.7	0.5	2.2	128.1	125.0	2.5
Saint John	129.0	0.4	2.2	126.9	124.0	2.3
Quebec City	125.9	0.3	1.9	124.1	121.4	2.2
Montreal	125.2	0.3	1.9	123.4	120.7	2.2
Ottawa	132.3	0.8	2.1	130.2	127.3	2.3
Toronto	130.8	0.8	2.0	128.6	126.3	1.8
Thunder Bay	127.7	0.8	1.9	125.7	123.6	1.7
Winnipeg	132.5	0.5	1.9	131.2	127.9	2.6
Regina	134.7	0.3	1.7	133.1	130.3	2.1
Saskatoon	133.0	0.3	1.8	131.4	128.4	2.3
Edmonton	134.8	0.4	2.9	132.4	129.7	2.1
Calgary	137.8	0.6	3.3	135.1	132.5	2.0
Vancouver	**128.8**	**0.6**	**1.8**	**125.7**	**123.4**	**1.9**
Victoria	**126.4**	**0.3**	**1.7**	**125.5**	**122.8**	**2.2**

CPI - Per Cent Change from Same Month of Previous Year



March 2006 Consumer Price Index (1992=100)

British Columbia

Year	All Items	% Change Annual Average		Food	Shelter	Household Operation	Clothing Footwear	Trans-portation	Health & Personal	Recreation Education	Alcohol Tobacco
2002	117.9	1.7		120.6	101.9	121.0	112.6	135.0	121.9	124.7	126.7
2003	120.4	2.1		122.8	103.7	122.3	111.4	139.3	122.8	129.0	136.0
2004	122.8	2.0		124.4	105.9	122.9	112.0	143.2	125.0	132.3	142.9
2005	125.3	2.0		126.0	108.2	123.7	112.5	149.1	127.7	134.0	144.7
2005		Month	Year								
Jan	123.6	0.1	2.3	125.6	107.2	122.5	112.2	144.2	125.9	131.5	143.4
Feb	123.8	0.2	2.1	123.3	107.3	123.4	115.3	145.4	127.0	132.5	143.4
Mar	124.1	0.2	2.1	124.5	107.3	123.2	115.0	146.6	126.7	132.5	143.9
Apr	124.9	0.6	2.0	125.8	107.5	124.3	111.8	149.2	128.0	132.7	144.0
May	125.2	0.2	1.5	126.3	107.7	124.1	111.3	149.4	127.7	134.6	145.0
Jun	125.4	0.2	1.5	127.0	107.9	124.0	112.4	148.7	127.6	134.7	144.9
Jul	125.7	0.2	1.9	126.8	108.2	124.1	113.9	148.8	128.4	135.4	145.0
Aug	125.9	0.2	2.1	126.6	108.1	123.9	111.7	151.4	128.3	135.1	145.4
Sep	126.5	0.5	2.4	125.5	108.5	124.6	113.3	154.1	127.8	136.2	145.4
Oct	126.3	-0.2	2.3	126.6	109.7	123.5	111.2	151.6	127.7	134.8	145.3
Nov	126.2	-0.1	2.0	126.9	109.6	123.7	111.5	150.9	128.6	134.1	145.5
Dec	125.7	-0.4	1.8	127.4	109.5	122.7	110.4	149.2	128.4	133.7	145.3
2006											
Jan	125.6	-0.1	1.6	128.0	109.5	123.1	109.3	149.9	127.9	131.4	145.3
Feb	125.8	0.2	1.6	127.2	110.0	124.2	110.6	148.7	128.3	132.2	145.6
Mar	126.3	0.4	1.8	126.6	110.1	124.1	114.4	150.5	128.5	133.0	145.8
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Canada

Year	All Items	% Change Annual Average		Food	Shelter	Household Operation	Clothing Footwear	Trans-portation	Health & Personal	Recreation Education	Alcohol Tobacco
2002	119.0	2.6		120.3	113.8	113.8	105.2	134.4	115.5	126.3	123.6
2003	122.3	2.8		122.4	117.5	114.6	103.3	141.4	117.0	127.3	136.0
2004	124.6	1.9		124.9	120.5	115.2	103.1	144.8	118.8	127.7	143.3
2005	127.3	2.2		128.0	124.2	115.8	102.6	150.7	120.8	127.4	147.2
2005		Month	Year								
Jan	125.3	-0.1	2.0	126.8	122.4	115.3	100.0	146.3	119.0	125.5	145.1
Feb	125.8	0.4	2.1	126.6	122.6	115.5	103.0	147.0	119.7	126.3	145.2
Mar	126.5	0.6	2.3	127.1	123.0	115.7	106.0	148.3	120.0	126.8	146.3
Apr	126.9	0.3	2.4	128.3	123.4	115.5	102.9	149.5	120.9	126.8	146.5
May	127.0	0.1	1.6	128.5	123.6	115.6	102.3	149.0	120.7	127.5	147.6
Jun	127.2	0.2	1.7	128.9	123.8	115.7	101.3	149.7	121.1	127.8	147.7
Jul	127.5	0.2	2.0	128.6	124.5	115.7	100.9	150.3	121.5	128.5	147.7
Aug	128.0	0.4	2.6	128.5	124.4	115.8	102.2	153.1	121.1	128.4	148.0
Sep	129.1	0.9	3.4	127.3	125.2	116.2	105.8	157.0	121.1	129.1	148.3
Oct	128.5	-0.5	2.6	127.7	126.0	115.7	104.5	153.3	121.2	128.0	147.9
Nov	128.2	-0.2	2.0	128.4	126.1	116.2	101.8	152.2	121.7	127.1	148.3
Dec	128.1	-0.1	2.2	129.3	125.7	116.2	100.4	152.1	121.5	126.6	147.5
2006											
Jan	128.8	0.5	2.8	130.4	127.2	116.4	99.0	154.2	121.3	125.2	148.3
Feb	128.6	-0.2	2.2	130.2	127.1	116.6	100.4	151.5	121.7	125.9	148.9
Mar	129.3	0.5	2.2	130.2	127.3	116.5	103.3	153.5	121.9	126.6	150.2
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March 2006 — Consumer Price Index (1992=100) — Selected Items

BRITISH COLUMBIA	Rented Accommodation	Owned Accommodation	Energy for Dwellings: Piped Gas	Energy for Dwellings: Fuel Oil/Other Fuel	Energy for Dwellings: Electricity	Motor Gasoline	Energy*	All Items Excluding Food	All Items Excluding Alcohol & Tobacco	All Items Excluding Food & Energy
2002	113.5	89.7	198.6	131.6	106.3	135.7	135.9	117.3	115.5	115.7
2003	114.7	91.3	223.7	151.0	106.9	148.4	144.9	119.9	117.8	117.8
2004	115.8	93.3	219.8	170.0	112.2	164.2	155.3	122.5	120.0	119.8
2005	116.2	95.6	236.2	213.7	112.2	184.3	167.4	125.1	122.4	121.6
2005 Jan	116.0	94.8	225.2	177.7	112.2	157.3	152.5	123.1	120.7	120.7
Feb	116.1	94.7	225.2	194.9	112.2	165.3	156.8	123.9	121.0	121.2
Mar	116.1	94.6	225.2	211.1	112.2	172.1	160.5	124.1	121.3	121.0
Apr	116.1	94.9	225.2	213.3	112.2	188.7	168.6	124.7	122.1	121.1
May	116.1	95.2	225.2	203.3	112.2	185.5	166.9	125.0	122.4	121.5
Jun	116.1	95.5	225.2	203.3	112.2	182.9	165.6	125.0	122.5	121.7
Jul	116.2	95.7	235.0	203.3	112.2	186.3	168.0	125.4	122.8	121.9
Aug	116.2	95.6	235.0	203.3	112.2	198.6	174.0	125.7	123.0	121.7
Sep	116.2	95.8	235.0	240.0	112.2	215.6	183.2	126.7	123.7	122.0
Oct	116.3	97.0	259.5	248.8	112.2	201.7	178.4	126.2	123.4	121.9
Nov	116.3	96.9	259.5	244.0	112.2	183.3	169.5	126.0	123.3	122.4
Dec	116.3	96.9	259.5	221.9	112.5	174.4	164.7	125.4	122.9	122.1
2006 Jan	116.3	96.9	259.0	215.8	112.5	178.9	166.7	125.1	122.8	121.7
Feb	116.4	97.5	259.0	208.8	112.5	173.8	164.1	125.5	122.9	122.3
Mar	116.5	97.6	259.0	212.2	112.8	183.6	169.1	126.2	123.5	122.7
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CANADA	Rented Accommodation	Owned Accommodation	Energy for Dwellings: Piped Gas	Energy for Dwellings: Fuel Oil/Other Fuel	Energy for Dwellings: Electricity	Motor Gasoline	Energy*	All Items Excluding Food	All Items Excluding Alcohol & Tobacco	All Items Excluding Food & Energy
2002	115.5	107.6	168.7	131.8	119.6	127.2	129.6	118.8	119.6	117.5
2003	117.2	110.9	219.5	151.5	117.2	135.4	139.9	122.4	122.5	120.5
2004	118.5	114.0	214.9	166.7	122.0	149.6	149.3	124.5	124.6	122.0
2005	119.4	117.5	229.9	209.2	125.4	168.7	163.8	127.3	127.4	123.7
2005 Jan	119.0	116.1	218.0	185.9	122.6	146.2	149.1	125.1	125.3	122.6
Feb	119.1	116.2	221.6	194.1	122.6	151.1	152.3	125.7	125.8	123.0
Mar	119.1	116.5	224.2	201.9	122.5	158.9	156.9	126.5	126.6	123.4
Apr	119.2	116.7	215.7	206.4	125.9	167.2	161.9	126.7	126.9	123.2
May	119.3	117.2	212.1	202.4	126.2	162.0	158.8	126.7	127.0	123.5
Jun	119.3	117.5	214.0	202.4	126.2	165.9	160.9	126.9	127.2	123.6
Jul	119.4	117.6	236.8	202.4	126.7	172.5	166.3	127.4	127.5	123.5
Aug	119.6	117.6	228.9	202.4	126.7	183.8	171.4	128.0	128.1	123.7
Sep	119.7	117.8	245.9	230.1	126.7	203.6	184.2	129.5	129.1	124.2
Oct	119.8	118.7	250.3	236.8	127.0	185.4	175.8	128.7	128.5	124.1
Nov	119.8	119.0	253.4	228.6	126.7	164.6	165.1	128.3	128.3	124.6
Dec	119.9	119.3	238.0	217.3	125.5	163.6	162.3	127.9	128.2	124.5
2006 Jan	119.9	119.6	274.6	221.7	128.4	174.2	171.9	128.6	128.9	124.3
Feb	120.1	120.0	259.5	220.6	128.4	162.3	164.7	128.3	128.6	124.7
Mar	120.1	120.4	256.5	218.0	128.4	170.7	168.5	129.1	129.3	125.2
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** Energy includes Piped Gas, Fuel Oil/Other Fuel, Electricity, and Motor Gasoline*

March 2006 Consumer Price Index (1992=100)

Vancouver

			% Change			Accommodation		Water, Fuel
	Year	All Items	Annual Average		Shelter	Rented	Owned	Electricity
	2002	118.6	1.8		103.4	113.1	91.3	150.0
	2003	121.0	2.0		105.0	114.4	92.6	154.6
	2004	123.4	2.0		107.0	115.6	94.3	160.4
	2005	125.7	1.9		108.7	116.1	96.1	164.2
2005			Month	Year				
	Jan	124.3	0.1	2.5	108.2	115.9	95.7	161.8
	Feb	124.4	0.1	2.1	108.1	116.0	95.5	162.0
	Mar	124.8	0.3	2.1	108.0	116.1	95.3	162.2
	Apr	125.4	0.5	2.0	108.0	116.0	95.4	162.2
	May	125.7	0.2	1.4	108.3	116.1	95.8	162.2
	Jun	125.9	0.2	1.5	108.6	116.2	96.2	162.2
	Jul	126.3	0.3	1.9	108.8	116.2	96.3	163.9
	Aug	126.4	0.1	1.9	108.8	116.2	96.2	163.9
	Sep	126.7	0.2	2.1	108.6	116.2	95.9	164.2
	Oct	126.5	-0.2	1.9	109.9	116.2	97.2	168.7
	Nov	126.4	-0.1	1.8	109.8	116.3	97.1	168.6
	Dec	126.1	-0.2	1.5	109.7	116.3	97.0	168.4
2006								
	Jan	126.0	-0.1	1.4	110.0	116.3	97.3	169.1
	Feb	126.1	0.1	1.4	110.7	116.4	98.1	170.0
	Mar	126.8	0.6	1.6	111.0	116.5	98.5	170.1
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Victoria

			% Change			Accommodation		Water, Fuel
	Year	All Items	Annual Average		Shelter	Rented	Owned	Electricity
	2002	117.4	1.2		100.8	113.2	90.2	120.5
	2003	120.0	2.2		102.9	114.3	92.3	124.6
	2004	122.8	2.3		106.0	115.3	95.1	133.2
	2005	125.5	2.2		109.2	116.0	98.3	140.2
2005			Month	Year				
	Jan	123.6	0.0	2.5	107.6	116.0	96.9	135.2
	Feb	123.9	0.2	2.4	107.8	116.1	96.8	137.1
	Mar	124.3	0.3	2.5	108.0	116.0	96.9	139.8
	Apr	125.1	0.6	2.4	108.5	115.9	97.5	139.3
	May	125.4	0.2	1.8	108.6	116.0	97.6	139.5
	Jun	125.6	0.2	1.7	108.7	115.9	97.9	139.5
	Jul	125.9	0.2	2.1	109.0	115.9	98.2	139.5
	Aug	126.0	0.1	2.2	108.9	115.8	98.1	139.5
	Sep	126.8	0.6	2.6	110.0	115.9	99.1	142.6
	Oct	126.7	-0.1	2.5	111.1	116.0	100.3	145.2
	Nov	126.6	-0.1	2.3	111.0	116.0	100.3	143.8
	Dec	126.1	-0.4	2.0	110.7	116.1	100.2	141.6
2006								
	Jan	125.9	-0.2	1.9	110.4	116.1	99.8	141.1
	Feb	126.0	0.1	1.7	110.6	116.6	100.2	140.4
	Mar	126.4	0.3	1.7	110.5	116.7	99.9	140.9
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Consumer Price Index ◆ April 2006

Highlights

- At 1.8% in April, BC has the lowest inflation rate amongst the provinces. Saskatchewan and Newfoundland & Labrador have the next lowest at 2.0%. Alberta continues to post the highest increase at 3.5% followed by PEI at 3.2%. Nationally, prices rose 2.4% during the same period.

- On a month-to-month basis, BC's CPI rose 0.6% from March 2006, with Canada posting a 0.5% gain.

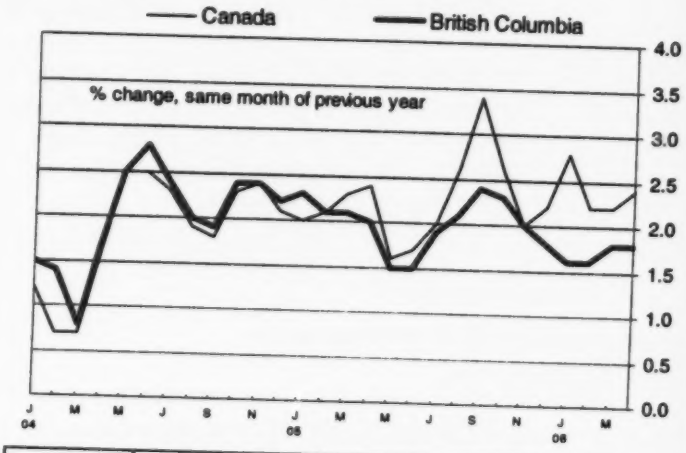
- Among the metropolitan areas, Calgary again posted the highest increase in the CPI from last April at 3.9%, followed by Edmonton at 3.2%. Residents of Vancouver and Victoria enjoyed the lowest increase (1.8%) followed by Regina and St. John's (1.9%).

- Transportation recorded the highest increase (4.4%) driven by gasoline at 14.4% higher than the previous month and 11.3% higher than last April. The next highest major component was shelter (2.6%) with property taxes at 6.3% and fuel oil and other fuel at 4.9% higher than April 2005. The household operations and furnishings component (-0.9%) showed furnishings at -2.8% from last year.

- BC's CPI, excluding food and energy, was 1.4% higher than in April 2005. The comparable figure for Canada was 1.6%.

1992=100	Index	% Change from	
	April 2006	March 2006	April 2005
Canada	130.0	0.5	2.4
BC	127.1	0.6	1.8
Vancouver	127.6	0.6	1.8
Victoria	127.3	0.7	1.8
Core Canada[1]	128.0	-0.1	1.6

BC and Canada Inflation Trend



1992=100	Latest 12-Month Average Index (ending in April. 2006)	Latest 12-Month Average % Change	2005 Annual Average % Change
Canada	128.2	2.3	2.2
BC	126.0	1.8	2.0
Vancouver	126.4	1.7	1.9
Victoria	126.2	2.0	2.2

Note: Statistics Canada will release the May Consumer Price Index on June 20, 2006.

[1]**The Core CPI for Canada:** Defined by the Bank of Canada as the All-items index excluding the eight most volatile components (fruit, vegetables, gasoline, fuel oil, natural gas, mortgage interest, inter-city transportation and tobacco products). Also excluded is the effect of changes in indirect taxes on the remaining components.

Consumer Price Index—Terms and Definitions

Base Effect

The 12-month variation in the CPI is calculated by comparing the current month's index with the index for the same month of the previous year. The 12-month change is represented by the difference in the indexes of the reference months. Thus, the 12-month variation can decrease from one month to the next merely because the base serving as the point of comparison increased.

Source: Statistics Canada

Twelve-Month Percent Changes

Also referred to as "year-over-year", twelve-month percent changes compare indexes for a given month to indexes for the same month of the previous year. As they compare two points in time, they are influenced by unusual or temporary events that can affect either of the two months. Their calculation does not include any of the intervening monthly indexes.

Source: Statistics Canada

Annual Average Index

Annual average indexes are calculated by averaging index levels over the 12 months of the calendar year. These data should not be confused with the 12-month change in the CPI. By the nature of the calculation, averaging indexes over the calendar year gives a better representation of price behaviour over the whole year and is closer to the concept of an average price. The use of annual averages is considered the preferred option for indexation purposes.

Source: Statistics Canada

Latest Twelve-Month Average Index

The latest twelve-month average index (ending in the current month) is a 12-month moving average of the indexes of the most recent 12 months. It is calculated like the annual average index. Hence, in theory, the December twelve-month average index would be equal to the annual average index for the calendar year. However, in practice, when BC STATS makes these calculations from published data, the December 12-month average index may differ from Statistics Canada's published annual average index due to rounding.

Source: Statistics Canada and BC Stats

Changes to the Treatment of Rebates in the Consumer Price Index

Beginning with the Consumer Price Index for October 2003, Statistics Canada will change its treatment of rebate payments. The change will affect some types of rebate programs usually related to electricity or natural gas utilities.

Rebates will no longer be reflected in the CPI if they are paid on the basis of past consumption and were not known to consumers at the time of consumption.

To be reflected in the CPI, rebates or credits must relate to specific products and apply to all consumers (or a large proportion of consumers) of the product affected. CPI practice has been to reflect the impact of rebates at the time when rebates are paid. If a rebate was greater than the average monthly charge, the remainder of the rebate was reflected in following months until the rebate had been fully accounted for. Thus the CPI could reflect an average price close to zero for one month or several months in some situations. As a result, the treatment of rebates has had a significant effect on the

rate of change in the CPI, making the indexes for utilities particularly volatile.

The impact of the change will be to reduce short-term fluctuations in the CPI arising from rebates on past consumption. By treating retroactive rebates as windfalls to income rather than as price changes, the level of the CPI will be higher for the months that would have been affected under the past treatment of these rebates, with a corresponding impact on annual averages.

Rebate programs known to consumers at the time of purchase will continue to be accounted for in the CPI.

Source: Statistics Canada

More information about the concepts and use of the CPI is available online in the Statistics Canada publication *Your Guide to the Consumer Price Index* (www.statcan.ca/english/freepub/62-557-XIB/free.htm).

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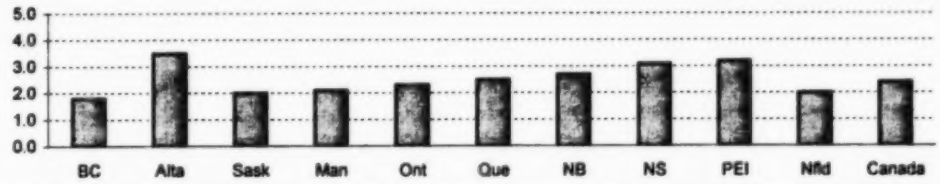
April 2006 Consumer Price Index (1992=100)

	British Columbia			Canada		
	Index April 2006	% Change March 2006	% Change April 2005	Index April 2006	% Change March 2006	% Change April 2005
All-Items Index (1992=100)	**127.1**	**0.6**	**1.8**	**130.0**	**0.5**	**2.**
Food	**126.8**	**0.2**	**0.8**	**130.0**	**-0.2**	**1.3**
Food Purchased From Stores	122.1	-0.2	-0.6	128.1	-0.3	0.7
Meat	130.2	-0.8	-1.0	135.3	-1.0	-2.0
Fish & Other Seafood	119.4	1.5	-1.9	118.8	-0.5	-2.5
Dairy Products & Eggs	133.2	1.4	2.9	137.8	0.5	3.0
Bakery & Other Cereal Products	125.5	-0.2	0.7	137.0	0.3	2.3
Fruit, Fruit Preparations & Nuts	100.9	0.6	-1.3	104.6	-1.3	0.0
Fresh Fruit	94.8	0.6	-0.1	101.7	-2.2	-0.4
Vegetables & Vegetable Preparations	99.7	-0.8	-5.9	115.4	0.5	0.4
Fresh Vegetables	95.6	0.2	-7.1	116.9	1.0	0.3
Other Food Products	128.8	-0.9	-0.3	128.1	-0.4	1.3
Coffee & Tea	140.1	2.8	7.0	136.9	1.6	5.6
Non-Alcoholic Beverages	79.6	-2.6	-5.1	107.8	-2.3	-0.8
Food Purchased From Restaurants	136.9	0.7	3.4	135.2	0.1	2.8
Shelter	**110.3**	**0.2**	**2.6**	**127.7**	**0.3**	**3.5**
Rented Accommodation	116.6	0.1	0.4	120.3	0.2	0.9
Owned Accommodation	98.2	0.6	3.5	121.0	0.5	3.7
Property taxes	163.2	0.0	6.3	136.3	0.0	3.2
Water, Fuel & Electricity	158.6	-1.7	2.4	167.0	-0.1	6.4
Electricity	112.8	0.0	0.5	129.0	0.5	2.5
Piped Gas	234.7	-9.4	4.2	247.1	-3.7	14.6
Fuel Oil & Other Fuel	223.7	5.4	4.9	225.6	3.5	9.3
Household Operations & Furnishings	**123.2**	**-0.7**	**-0.9**	**116.4**	**-0.1**	**0.8**
Household Operations	131.5	0.0	0.2	123.4	0.2	1.5
Household Furnishings	111.4	-2.1	-2.8	105.4	-0.8	-0.8
Clothing & Footwear	**112.2**	**-1.9**	**0.4**	**100.8**	**-2.4**	**-2.0**
Clothing	107.9	-3.2	-0.6	96.4	-4.1	-3.0
Women's Clothing	110.6	-5.0	-0.3	96.7	-5.8	-2.
Men's Clothing	109.5	-1.4	0.5	98.6	-1.5	-2.7
Children's Clothing	93.0	-1.9	-6.2	89.3	-3.8	-6.2
Footwear	114.5	1.6	4.1	104.1	1.7	-0.3
Transportation	**155.7**	**3.5**	**4.4**	**158.5**	**3.3**	**6.0**
Private Transportation	151.7	3.5	4.0	156.0	3.2	5.9
Operation of Motor Vehicles	167.7	6.2	4.4	179.0	6.4	8.0
Gasoline	210.0	14.4	11.3	193.7	13.5	15.8
Public Transportation	192.7	2.9	7.2	185.6	2.8	6.5
Local & Commuter	160.3	0.1	5.4	160.2	1.1	5.3
Inter-City	205.9	4.1	7.9	205.8	3.9	7.2
Health & Personal Care	**130.6**	**1.6**	**2.0**	**122.3**	**0.3**	**1.2**
Health Care	137.2	2.5	2.9	130.7	1.2	1.9
Personal Care	123.7	0.6	0.9	115.7	-0.4	0.4
Recreation, Education & Reading	**132.6**	**-0.3**	**-0.1**	**126.6**	**0.0**	**-0.2**
Recreation	114.6	-0.5	-1.2	111.1	-0.1	-1.1
Education & Reading	200.8	0.1	2.4	185.7	0.1	1.9
Education	213.9	0.0	2.5	204.9	0.0	1.7
Reading Material & Other Printed Matter	157.6	0.8	2.3	149.4	0.5	2.3
Alcoholic Beverages & Tobacco Products	**146.7**	**0.6**	**1.9**	**150.7**	**0.3**	**2.9**
Alcoholic Beverages	126.9	0.2	1.4	129.3	0.5	1.8
Alcoholic Beverages Purchased from Stores	123.3	0.2	0.5	127.8	0.7	1.0
Beer Purchased from Stores	148.5	0.0	1.6	140.0	0.7	1.2
Liquor Purchased from Stores	104.2	0.2	0.5	111.5	0.4	1.1
Tobacco Products & Smokers' Supplies	164.5	1.0	2.2	152.0	0.3	3.6
Cigarettes	164.4	1.1	2.3	150.6	0.3	3.6
All-Items Excluding Food	127.1	0.7	1.9	130.1	0.8	2.7
All-Items Excluding Alcohol & Tobacco	124.2	0.6	1.7	130.0	0.5	2.4
All-Items Excluding Food & Energy	122.8	0.1	1.4	125.2	0.0	1.6

April 2006 Consumer Price Index (1992=100)

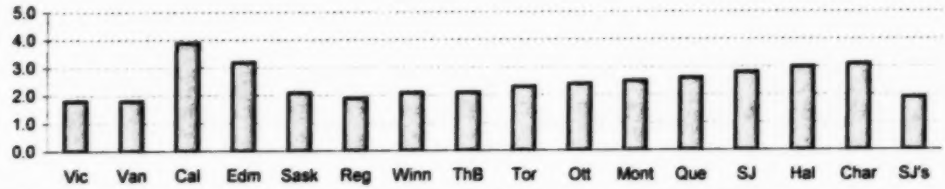
Provinces	Monthly Index April 2006	% Change March 2005	% Change April 2005	Annual Index 2005	Annual Index 2004	% Change 2004/05
Canada	130.0	0.5	2.4	127.3	124.6	2.2
Newfoundland & Labrador	128.5	0.9	2.0	126.1	122.9	2.6
Prince Edward Island	131.9	1.5	3.2	128.5	124.5	3.2
Nova Scotia	132.9	1.2	3.1	129.6	126.1	2.8
New Brunswick	130.5	0.9	2.7	127.4	124.4	2.4
Quebec	126.0	0.6	2.5	123.5	120.7	2.3
Ontario	131.0	0.2	2.3	128.4	125.6	2.2
Manitoba	133.6	0.9	2.1	131.2	127.8	2.7
Saskatchewan	135.1	1.0	2.0	132.2	129.3	2.2
Alberta	138.3	0.9	3.5	134.3	131.5	2.1
British Columbia	**127.1**	**0.6**	**1.8**	**125.3**	**122.8**	**2.0**
Whitehorse	125.8	1.0	2.4	123.8	121.1	2.2
Yellowknife	125.5	0.8	2.5	123.6	120.8	2.3
Iqaluit (Dec. 2002=100)	104.5	0.8	2.4	102.9	101.2	1.7

CPI - Per Cent Change from Same Month of Previous Year



Metropolitan Areas	Monthly Index April 2006	% Change March 2005	% Change April 2005	Annual Index 2005	Annual Index 2004	% Change 2004/05
St. John's	128.1	0.9	1.9	125.9	122.8	2.5
Charlottetown	130.5	1.4	3.1	127.1	123.5	2.9
Halifax	131.2	1.2	3.0	128.1	125.0	2.5
Saint John	130.1	0.9	2.8	126.9	124.0	2.3
Quebec City	126.7	0.6	2.6	124.1	121.4	2.2
Montreal	125.9	0.6	2.5	123.4	120.7	2.2
Ottawa	132.8	0.4	2.4	130.2	127.3	2.3
Toronto	131.1	0.2	2.3	128.6	126.3	1.8
Thunder Bay	128.1	0.3	2.1	125.7	123.6	1.7
Winnipeg	133.6	0.8	2.1	131.2	127.9	2.6
Regina	135.7	0.7	1.9	133.1	130.3	2.1
Saskatoon	134.4	1.1	2.1	131.4	128.4	2.3
Edmonton	135.8	0.7	3.2	132.4	129.7	2.1
Calgary	139.6	1.3	3.9	135.1	132.5	2.0
Vancouver	**127.6**	**0.6**	**1.8**	**125.7**	**123.4**	**1.9**
Victoria	**127.3**	**0.7**	**1.8**	**125.5**	**122.8**	**2.2**

CPI - Per Cent Change from Same Month of Previous Year



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April 2006 Consumer Price Index (1992=100)

British Columbia

Year	All Items	% Change Annual Average	Food	Shelter	Household Operation	Clothing Footwear	Trans-portation	Health & Personal	Recreation Education	Alcohol Tobacco
2002	117.9	1.7	120.6	101.9	121.0	112.6	135.0	121.9	124.7	126.7
2003	120.4	2.1	122.8	103.7	122.3	111.4	139.3	122.8	129.0	136.0
2004	122.8	2.0	124.4	105.9	122.9	112.0	143.2	125.0	132.3	142.9
2005	125.3	2.0	126.0	108.2	123.7	112.5	149.1	127.7	134.0	144.7
2005		Month / Year								
Jan	123.6	0.1 / 2.3	125.6	107.2	122.5	112.2	144.2	125.9	131.5	143.4
Feb	123.8	0.2 / 2.1	123.3	107.3	123.4	115.3	145.4	127.0	132.5	143.4
Mar	124.1	0.2 / 2.1	124.5	107.3	123.2	115.0	146.6	126.7	132.5	143.9
Apr	124.9	0.6 / 2.0	125.8	107.5	124.3	111.8	149.2	128.0	132.7	144.0
May	125.2	0.2 / 1.5	126.3	107.7	124.1	111.3	149.4	127.7	134.6	145.0
Jun	125.4	0.2 / 1.5	127.0	107.9	124.0	112.4	148.7	127.6	134.7	144.9
Jul	125.7	0.2 / 1.9	126.8	108.2	124.1	113.9	148.8	128.4	135.4	145.0
Aug	125.9	0.2 / 2.1	126.6	108.1	123.9	111.7	151.4	128.3	135.1	145.4
Sep	126.5	0.5 / 2.4	125.5	108.5	124.6	113.3	154.1	127.8	136.2	145.4
Oct	126.3	-0.2 / 2.3	126.6	109.7	123.5	111.2	151.6	127.7	134.8	145.3
Nov	126.2	-0.1 / 2.0	126.9	109.6	123.7	111.5	150.9	128.6	134.1	145.5
Dec	125.7	-0.4 / 1.8	127.4	109.5	122.7	110.4	149.2	128.4	133.7	145.3
2006										
Jan	125.6	-0.1 / 1.6	128.0	109.5	123.1	109.3	149.9	127.9	131.4	145.3
Feb	125.8	0.2 / 1.6	127.2	110.0	124.2	110.6	148.7	128.3	132.2	145.6
Mar	126.3	0.4 / 1.8	126.6	110.1	124.1	114.4	150.5	128.5	133.0	145.8
Apr	127.1	0.6 / 1.8	126.8	110.3	123.2	112.2	155.7	130.6	132.6	146.7
May										
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Canada

Year	All Items	% Change Annual Average	Food	Shelter	Household Operation	Clothing Footwear	Trans-portation	Health & Personal	Recreation Education	Alcohol Tobacco
2002	119.0	2.6	120.3	113.8	113.8	105.2	134.4	115.5	126.3	123.6
2003	122.3	2.8	122.4	117.5	114.6	103.3	141.4	117.0	127.3	136.0
2004	124.6	1.9	124.9	120.5	115.2	103.1	144.8	118.8	127.7	143.3
2005	127.3	2.2	128.0	124.2	115.8	102.6	150.7	120.8	127.4	147.2
2005		Month / Year								
Jan	125.3	-0.1 / 2.0	126.8	122.4	115.3	100.0	146.3	119.0	125.5	145.1
Feb	125.8	0.4 / 2.1	126.6	122.6	115.5	103.0	147.0	119.7	126.3	145.2
Mar	126.5	0.6 / 2.3	127.1	123.0	115.7	106.0	148.3	120.0	126.8	146.3
Apr	126.9	0.3 / 2.4	128.3	123.4	115.5	102.9	149.5	120.9	126.8	146.5
May	127.0	0.1 / 1.6	128.5	123.6	115.6	102.3	149.0	120.7	127.5	147.6
Jun	127.2	0.2 / 1.7	128.9	123.8	115.7	101.3	149.7	121.1	127.8	147.7
Jul	127.5	0.2 / 2.0	128.6	124.5	115.7	100.9	150.3	121.5	128.5	147.7
Aug	128.0	0.4 / 2.6	128.5	124.4	115.8	102.2	153.1	121.1	128.4	148.0
Sep	129.1	0.9 / 3.4	127.3	125.2	116.2	105.8	157.0	121.1	129.1	148.3
Oct	128.5	-0.5 / 2.6	127.7	126.0	115.7	104.5	153.3	121.2	128.0	147.9
Nov	128.2	-0.2 / 2.0	128.4	126.1	116.2	101.8	152.2	121.7	127.1	148.3
Dec	128.1	-0.1 / 2.2	129.3	125.7	116.2	100.4	152.1	121.5	126.6	147.5
2006										
Jan	128.8	0.5 / 2.8	130.4	127.2	116.4	99.0	154.2	121.3	125.2	148.3
Feb	128.6	-0.2 / 2.2	130.2	127.1	116.6	100.4	151.5	121.7	125.9	148.9
Mar	129.3	0.5 / 2.2	130.2	127.3	116.5	103.3	153.5	121.9	126.6	150.2
Apr	130.0	0.5 / 2.4	130.0	127.7	116.4	100.8	158.5	122.3	126.6	150.7
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BRITISH COLUMBIA

	Rented Accom-modation	Owned Accom-modation	Energy for Dwellings: Piped Gas	Energy for Dwellings: Fuel Oil/ Other Fuel	Energy for Dwellings: Electricity	Motor Gasoline	Energy*	All Items Excluding Food	All Items Excluding Alcohol & Tobacco	All Items Excluding Food & Energy
2002	113.5	89.7	198.6	131.6	106.3	135.7	135.9	117.3	115.5	115.7
2003	114.7	91.3	223.7	151.0	106.9	148.4	144.9	119.9	117.8	117.8
2004	115.8	93.3	219.8	170.0	112.2	164.2	155.3	122.5	120.0	119.8
2005	116.2	95.6	236.2	213.7	112.2	184.3	167.4	125.1	122.4	121.6
2005 Jan	116.0	94.8	225.2	177.7	112.2	157.3	152.5	123.1	120.7	120.7
Feb	116.1	94.7	225.2	194.9	112.2	165.3	156.8	123.9	121.0	121.2
Mar	116.1	94.6	225.2	211.1	112.2	172.1	160.5	124.1	121.3	121.0
Apr	116.1	94.9	225.2	213.3	112.2	188.7	168.6	124.7	122.1	121.1
May	116.1	95.2	225.2	203.3	112.2	185.5	166.9	125.0	122.4	121.5
Jun	116.1	95.5	225.2	203.3	112.2	182.9	165.6	125.0	122.5	121.7
Jul	116.2	95.7	235.0	203.3	112.2	186.3	168.0	125.4	122.8	121.9
Aug	116.2	95.6	235.0	203.3	112.2	198.6	174.0	125.7	123.0	121.7
Sep	116.2	95.8	235.0	240.0	112.2	215.6	183.2	126.7	123.7	122.0
Oct	116.3	97.0	259.5	248.8	112.2	201.7	178.4	126.2	123.4	121.9
Nov	116.3	96.9	259.5	244.0	112.2	183.3	169.5	126.0	123.3	122.4
Dec	116.3	96.9	259.5	221.9	112.5	174.4	164.7	125.4	122.9	122.1
2006 Jan	116.3	96.9	259.0	215.8	112.5	178.9	166.7	125.1	122.8	121.7
Feb	116.4	97.5	259.0	208.8	112.5	173.8	164.1	125.5	122.9	122.3
Mar	116.5	97.6	259.0	212.2	112.8	183.6	169.1	126.2	123.5	122.7
Apr	116.6	98.2	234.7	223.7	112.8	210.0	180.4	127.1	124.2	122.8
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	Rented Accom-modation	Owned Accom-modation	Energy for Dwellings: Piped Gas	Energy for Dwellings: Fuel Oil/ Other Fuel	Energy for Dwellings: Electricity	Motor Gasoline	Energy*	All Items Excluding Food	All Items Excluding Alcohol & Tobacco	All Items Excluding Food & Energy
2002	115.5	107.6	168.7	131.8	119.6	127.2	129.6	118.8	119.6	117.5
2003	117.2	110.9	219.5	151.5	117.2	135.4	139.9	122.4	122.5	120.5
2004	118.5	114.0	214.9	166.7	122.0	149.6	149.3	124.5	124.6	122.0
2005	119.4	117.5	229.9	209.2	125.4	168.7	163.8	127.3	127.4	123.7
2005 Jan	119.0	116.1	218.0	185.9	122.6	146.2	149.1	125.1	125.3	122.6
Feb	119.1	116.2	221.6	194.1	122.6	151.1	152.3	125.7	125.8	123.0
Mar	119.1	116.5	224.2	201.9	122.5	158.9	156.9	126.5	126.6	123.4
Apr	119.2	116.7	215.7	206.4	125.9	167.2	161.9	126.7	126.9	123.2
May	119.3	117.2	212.1	202.4	126.2	162.0	158.8	126.7	127.0	123.5
Jun	119.3	117.5	214.0	202.4	126.2	165.9	160.9	126.9	127.2	123.6
Jul	119.4	117.6	236.8	202.4	126.7	172.5	166.3	127.4	127.5	123.5
Aug	119.6	117.6	228.9	202.4	126.7	183.8	171.4	128.0	128.1	123.7
Sep	119.7	117.8	245.9	230.1	126.7	203.6	184.2	129.5	129.1	124.2
Oct	119.8	118.7	250.3	236.8	127.0	185.4	175.8	128.7	128.5	124.1
Nov	119.8	119.0	253.4	228.6	126.7	164.6	165.1	128.3	128.3	124.6
Dec	119.9	119.3	238.0	217.3	125.5	163.6	162.3	127.9	128.2	124.5
2006 Jan	119.9	119.6	274.6	221.7	128.4	174.2	171.9	128.6	128.9	124.3
Feb	120.1	120.0	259.5	220.6	128.4	162.3	164.7	128.3	128.6	124.7
Mar	120.1	120.4	256.5	218.0	128.4	170.7	168.5	129.1	129.3	125.2
Apr	120.3	121.0	247.1	225.6	129.0	193.7	180.1	130.1	130.0	125.2
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** Energy includes Piped Gas, Fuel Oil/Other Fuel, Electricity, and Motor Gasoline*

April 2006 Consumer Price Index (1992=100)

Vancouver

			% Change					
			Annual Average			Accommodation		Water, Fuel
	Year	All Items			Shelter	Rented	Owned	Electricity
	2002	118.6	1.8		103.4	113.1	91.3	150.0
	2003	121.0	2.0		105.0	114.4	92.6	154.6
	2004	123.4	2.0		107.0	115.6	94.3	160.4
	2005	125.7	1.9		108.7	116.1	96.1	164.2
			Month	Year				
2005								
	Jan	124.3	0.1	2.5	108.2	115.9	95.7	161.8
	Feb	124.4	0.1	2.1	108.1	116.0	95.5	162.0
	Mar	124.8	0.3	2.1	108.0	116.1	95.3	162.2
	Apr	125.4	0.5	2.0	108.0	116.0	95.4	162.2
	May	125.7	0.2	1.4	108.3	116.1	95.8	162.2
	Jun	125.9	0.2	1.5	108.6	116.2	96.2	162.2
	Jul	126.3	0.3	1.9	108.8	116.2	96.3	163.9
	Aug	126.4	0.1	1.9	108.8	116.2	96.2	163.9
	Sep	126.7	0.2	2.1	108.6	116.2	95.9	164.2
	Oct	126.5	-0.2	1.9	109.9	116.2	97.2	168.7
	Nov	126.4	-0.1	1.8	109.8	116.3	97.1	168.6
	Dec	126.1	-0.2	1.5	109.7	116.3	97.0	168.4
2006								
	Jan	126.0	-0.1	1.4	110.0	116.3	97.3	169.1
	Feb	126.1	0.1	1.4	110.7	116.4	98.1	170.0
	Mar	126.8	0.6	1.6	111.0	116.5	98.5	170.1
	Apr	127.6	0.6	1.8	111.1	116.6	99.1	165.7
	May							
	June							
	July							
	Aug							
	Sep							
	Oct							
	Nov							
	Dec							

Victoria

			% Change					
			Annual Average			Accommodation		Water, Fuel
	Year	All Items			Shelter	Rented	Owned	Electricity
	2002	117.4	1.2		100.8	113.2	90.2	120.5
	2003	120.0	2.2		102.9	114.3	92.3	124.6
	2004	122.8	2.3		106.0	115.3	95.1	133.2
	2005	125.5	2.2		109.2	116.0	98.3	140.2
			Month	Year				
2005								
	Jan	123.6	0.0	2.5	107.6	116.0	96.9	135.2
	Feb	123.9	0.2	2.4	107.8	116.1	96.8	137.1
	Mar	124.3	0.3	2.5	108.0	116.0	96.9	139.8
	Apr	125.1	0.6	2.4	108.5	115.9	97.5	139.3
	May	125.4	0.2	1.8	108.6	116.0	97.6	139.5
	Jun	125.6	0.2	1.7	108.7	115.9	97.9	139.5
	Jul	125.9	0.2	2.1	109.0	115.9	98.2	139.5
	Aug	126.0	0.1	2.2	108.9	115.8	98.1	139.5
	Sep	126.8	0.6	2.6	110.0	115.9	99.1	142.6
	Oct	126.7	-0.1	2.5	111.1	116.0	100.3	145.2
	Nov	126.6	-0.1	2.3	111.0	116.0	100.3	143.8
	Dec	126.1	-0.4	2.0	110.7	116.1	100.2	141.6
2006								
	Jan	125.9	-0.2	1.9	110.4	116.1	99.8	141.1
	Feb	126.0	0.1	1.7	110.6	116.6	100.2	140.4
	Mar	126.4	0.3	1.7	110.5	116.7	99.9	140.9
	Apr	127.3	0.7	1.8	111.3	116.8	100.7	142.0
	May							
	June							
	July							
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	Sep							
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